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OUTLINES.

The jury in the night riders' trial at Union City, Tenn., for the murder of Captain Quinten Ranken, last night returned a verdict, convicting six of the alleged riders of murder in the first degree and two in the second degree. Sentences will be pronounced next Saturday. Attorney Pierce, who represented the defendants, assured them that the case will be carried to the Supreme Court——In the Senate yesterday Mr. Culberson criticised the President's action in the matter of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company——In the House Mr. Sheppard, of Texas, said Taft was making himself ridiculous over the breaking of the Solid South——The House special committee on the President's two messages regarding the secret service will report tomorrow, recommending that part of the annual message and the message of January 4th in regard thereto be laid on the table——On orders from the President secret service men shadowed Senator Tillman to find out if he was engaged in an Oregon land-graft. The President has sent the papers to Senator Hale. The matter has just come to light in Washington. Tillman will be heard from on the subject in the Senate in a day or two——Mrs. Kirke, former South American missionary, residing in Aiken, S. C., is declared a leper——The jury acquits Mrs. Erb and her sister of the charge of murdering the former's husband——Early yesterday morning an attempt was made to assassinate Detective Ashburn in Durham ——At Massina Archbishop Barrio blesses a huge grave in which are 1,300 bodies of the victims of the earthquake as Messina. All valuables found in the city are taken aboard a warship. Yesterday $8,600,000 in money was taken aboard——Taft and Knox were in conference yesterday and will be so today over the former's Cabinet appointments——New York Markets: Money on call easy, 2 to 2 1-4 per cent., ruling rate 2 1-4, closing bid 1, offered at 1 1-4. Flour dull but steady. Wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.07 7-8 to 1.08 5-8 elevator. Corn firm, No. 2, 68 elevator. Oats quiet, mixed 54 to 54 1-2. Rosin steady. Turpentine firm 43 1-2. Cotton quiet, middling 9.25, middling gulf 9.50.

Congressmen should understand Roosevelt well enough to know that he will have the last word.

An exchange says that "now Foraker is done for nobody seems willing to claim the credit." Where is Hearst?

Thornton Hains seems to have abandoned his position as his "brother's keeper" at the critical moment.

If you go to Boston don't call it the "Boston Common" but the "Intramural Ozone Imbibing Section."

Many Wilmingtonians have already learned by experience that near-beer is better than that far away.

Greater New York spent one million dollars welcoming the New Year. Does she feel any better off for it?

This is the day for the members of the House of Representatives to give Roosevelt thunder—if they will do it.

Hobson should get back into the navy in time to command that twenty-five thousand ton battleship in the war with Japan.

If things get much squallier in the Balkans Roosevelt might retain the battleship fleet in the Mediterranean a little longer.

Advocates of State-wide prohibition in Tennessee are going pretty far when they try to make capital out of the killing of ex-Senator Carmack.

What will Foraker do now that the Federal Supreme Court has decided the President had authority to dismiss those negro soldiers?

The Republican ring in Illinois is in trouble also. The bolt of twenty-five members of the House of Representatives indicates a deadlock.

If our battleships were to loaf awhile in the Mediterranean after the scheduled visits had been paid, wouldn't it set the Europeans to guessing?

The child labor question is to be thrashed over in the Legislature. The proposed beneficiaries, however, think that is better than thrashing them.

It was most appropriate that among the first proceedings of the Senate was the introduction of a resolution to donate five hundred dollars to the earthquake relief fund.

If this contest between the House of Representatives and the President grows much more sensational the Congressional Record will be classed among the Yellow Journals.

Will somebody who has kept the tally tell us how many messages the President has sent to Congress and to the two houses separately since that body met in December?

SOME MODIFICATION

Lid Shut Down Most Too Tightly by County and City Authorities.

CAN'T EVEN GET MEDICINALS

Alcohol to be Allowed to be Sold as Pharmacopoeia Preparation Upon Prescription of Licensed Physicians.

The positive refusal of the Board of Aldermen to allow the sale of alcoholics in any form by its action Monday night, declining to license druggists or to make any exceptions whatever by which the strictly medicinal wants of the profession and the public may be supplied and the manifest purpose of the Mayor to enforce the law as it is put up to him, has brought the county and municipal officers face to face with the inquiry if they have not put the lid on and sat upon it most too tightly.

Instances of the real need of pure alcohol for sick patients by the medical profession and their inability to purchase the medicine at local drug stores ,even upon the prescription of a physician, began to crop out yesterday and the Board of County Commissioners in regular session yesterday afternoon as an auditing committee saw fit to modify its former action allowing licensed pharmacists to sell pure alcohol according to the United States Pharmacopoeia upon the prescription of a regular licensed and actively practicing physician or surgeon having the person for whom such prescription is made under his care, and a request from several physicians is ready for presentation to the Mayor this morning asking for a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen tonight at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering similar action.

There were present at the meeting of the County Commissioners yesterday afternoon Chairman McEachern, Messrs. Vollers, Robertson and Divine; County Attorney Marsden Bellamy and Messrs. R. R. Bellamy and J. H. Hardin, leading druggists who had been asked to be present and confer with the Board relative to what is best to be done. At first a joint session of the Commissioners, the Board of Aldermen and the County Medical Society was suggested for this afternoon at 3 o'clock to devise some means of removing the hardship by a strict intrepretation of the law, but after further conference, the Commissioners decided to take action on their own account first and then leave similar action to the Aldermen to be taken separately, if they so desire. The Board made the exception noted in the following resolution, which was unanimously passed:

"Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board at its meeting held on the 4th of January 1909, prohibiting on and after the 20th day of January 1909 the sale of spiritous, vinous, fermented or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters by licensed and registered pharmacists, be and the same is hereby amended so as to exclude from its operation, alcohol and that from and after the date hereof registered and licensed pharmacists be and they are hereby permitted to sell United States Pharmacopoeia alcohol upon the written prescription of a regular licensed and actively practicing physician or surgeon having the person for whom such prescription is made, under his charge."

The druggists stated that this exception would meet all the requirements of the situation and they hoped the Aldermen would take similar action. They expressed a desire that the sale of liquor be prohibited by the drug stores and thought with the resolution adopted by the Commissioners there could be few, if any, abuses of the privileges extended.

Immediately after the action by the Commissioners an Alderman, who voted against the license Monday night and who had the situation brought about thereby, rather forcibly called to his attention in the case of one of his own children who had been critically ill and for whom he could secure no alcohol, took a copy of the resolution and after conference with a number of physicians a request to the Mayor for a special meeting of the Board to consider concurrence in the resolution was immediately signed.

The action of the Commissioners yesterday, it is presumed, will take the place of the plan devised to have strictly alcohol dispensed by authority of a special act of the Legislature from the James Walker Memorial Hospital. It is not thought the resolution as passed yesterday by the Commissioners will meet any objections by the prohibition people, who are very zealously watching the action of both county and municipal boards in their grappling with the very serious problems with which they are just now confronted.

From an editorial in Wednesday afternoon's Charlotte Chronicle, there is a suggestion that in all probability the seashore and mountain resort hotels will probably endeavor to have the Legislature pass some act permitting them to serve intoxicating liquors to their guests in original packages. Nothing as to this appeal can be learned here. The editorial in the Chronicle is as follows:

"What about the resort hotels? Does the prohibition law wipe out the privilege that was extended to them to sell whiskey in original packages to guests? This concession was granted to the Toxaway hotels and we believe, the coast resorts, and unless wiped out by the prohibition law, will be in effect again this year. The Chronicle learns that the hotel men, through their association, will ask the Legislature to give the privilege to all strictly resort hotels of supplying liquors in sealed packages to their guests. It is a kind of an inter-State proposition, for at Wrightsville, as at other resorts, the people that mostly make up the season are visitors from other States. Just how the Legislature will look upon the proposition to allow these resort people to have their ticklers remains to be seen."

If you wrote the "poem" you get the horse. Read our "ad." City Livery Company. 25

DEFENDANTS BOUND OVER

Mayor Holds That There is Probable Cause in Case of Young Drug Clerks Charged With Sale of Jamaica Ginger.

Holding that there was probable cause and that the Superior Court was the proper place for a final construction of the law and the determination of the guilt or innocence of the defendants, after hearing all the evidence in the case at the session of the police court yesterday at noon, the Mayor bound over Messrs. Benjamin Cottle and Adrian Elvington, clerks in Bellamy's drug store, charged with violation of the State Prohibition law in selling Jamaica ginger to George Silvia, a young white man who was later arrested on the street in an intoxicated condition.

Mr. Bellamy, proprietor of the store, was present in person at the trial and became surety for the young men in the sum of $50 each for their appearance in the higher court next Monday week. The case was conducted for the State by J. O. Carr, Esq., representing the Law Enforcement League, and Mr. Bellamy personally looked after the interest of his employes in the hearing. Mr. Carr at first asked for a postponement of the case as he desired to attend the meeting of attorneys at the Court House, but Mr. Bellamy asked for a speedy trial for the clerks and Mr. Carr did not interpose further objection. A large crowd was attracted by the novelty of the situation. Mr. Bellamy presented Mr. Carr with a copy of the prohibition law. Silvia testified that he bought a quarter's worth of Jamaica ginger four different times Tuesday afternoon at Bellamy's drug store in a half-pint bottle which he had. The bottle was nearly filled three times but the fourth time he received not quite so much. He testified that he had taken two drinks of whiskey on the Newbern train coming to Wilmington but was perfectly sober when he began to drink the ginger. Two other parties helped him drink the supply he bought. John Robinson, a friend of Silva, testified that the concoction made Silvia "dopey" and caused the latter to stagger, whereupon he was arrested.

Mr. Bellamy testified that every preparation sold by the store was in strict accordance with the Pharmacopoeia and as such, all were exempt from the law. The clerks had sold the preparations under his direction not as a beverage but as a medicine. He challenged anyone to prove to the contrary. The two defendants testified that both had sold Jamaica ginger on Tuesday and would sell it at any time for medicinal purposes and not a a beverage. They had no occasion to know to what purpose the ginger bought by Silvia was to be put and the law did not enjoin this knowledge upon them in making the sales. They could not remember the specific sales to Silvia as no importance was attached to the sales of such preparations.

Mr. Carr in addressing the Mayor stated that he thought there was probable cause to bind over and this action was taken. The Mayor stated that he had absolutely no feeling in the matter and that he was there to carry out the law as it was put down and appeared to him. It was for the Superior Court to pass upon whether or not such preparations as Jamaica ginger could be sold under the act.

OWLS ELECT OFFICERS.

Those Who Will Serve Wilmington Nest For the Ensuing Year.

The Wilmington Nest, Order of Owls, last night elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Past President—Geo. L. Peschau.
President—Woodus Kellum.
Vice President—J. Haughton James.
Secretary—W. B. Stelnaker.
Cor. Secretary—R. L. Meares.
Treasurer—L. P. Green.
Warden—H. H. Hall.
Invocator—Geo. D. Parsley.
Sentinel—P. M. Holmes.
Picket—W. A. Leith.

Executive Committee—Woodus Kellum, Geo. L. Peschau, Haughton James, L. P. Green and R. S. Parker.

Relief Committee—Alex. Young, D. M. Beardsley, P. M. Holmes, H. W. Bagg and W. B. Noel.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

Sensation Stirred by Opposition to Governor's Appearing in Person With Message.

OPPONENTS UNSUCCESSFUL

Principal Feature in Both Houses Yesterday—Number of Local and Unportant Bills — Inauguration The Attorney General.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 7.—The Legislature was stirred today by a repetition of the sensation of the 1907 session precipitated by the opposition to the innovation by Governor Glenn of insisting on the reading of his biennial message in person

This time, indeed, the opposition was very much more formidable, the resolution that he be allowed to read the message being passed in the Senate 20 to 25, while the vote in the House was 36 to 76 after a stirring discussion.

In the House, Morton, of New Hanover, led the fight against the Governor's request and Doughton, of Alleghany, championed it. Doughton's declaration that no harm could come of acceding to the Governor's wishes in this matter, as he was retiring from office, had "made good" and was not seeking any further political office, stirred considerable applause about the hall.

Morton declared his opposition was constitutional rather than personal in that the executive was invading the legislative department of the State government. He declared that at the last session the message read by the Governor had included a bill drawn by the Governor himself and members later acted on it in the legislature without its having been introduced by a member at all.

Mr. Harshaw, leader for the minority, favored the Governor reading the message, he said, because he thought the Governor might read it more interestingly than some one who did not write it, therefore, he favored granting the Governor's request, although he had opposed the innovation two years ago.

In the Senate the opposition was led by Senator Pharr, of Mecklenburg, who declared the reading of the message to be undignified for the Governor and in violation of the constitution. The Governor's principal champion in the Senate was Senator Manning, who insisted that members of the last Legislature were delighted with the Governor's delivery.

These arguments consumed most of the time in both Houses until 12:30 about which time the joint session assembled and the Governor delivered the message consuming about one and a half hours. The Governor thanked the Legislature for this last courtesy in granting him the privilege of appearing in person to present his message and said that, in common with the Governors of other States, he thought it better for messages to be delivered in this way. His reading was rapid, stress being put upon features in which he felt special concern. At times he read from reports of the different State departments in order to make more clear the recommendations he was making.

Bills introduced in the Senate today were as follows:

Manning, a joint resolution to allow the University of North Carolina to comply with the requirements of the Carnegie fund. Referred to University committee.

Blow, relating to jury tax in Pitt county. Judiciary Committee.

Elliott, joint resolution providing that the Legislature adjourn in four weeks or "mighty soon thereafter" for the reason that North Carolina is all right.

Manning, relating to the dissolution of corporations. Judiciary Committee. Regulating the appointment of directors of corporations. Judiciary.

Barham, relating to justices of the peace in Wayne county. To committee on justices.

Joint resolution for count and publication of election returns and appointing the joint committee to direct the arrangements for the inauguration next Tuesday. Passed final reading and sent to the House.

Senator J. S. Manning, of Durham, declares his intention to introduce at an early date a bill materially enlarging the powers of the Attorney General of North Carolina and providing an assistant whose salary shall be $2,000. The present assistant is only for the term that expires next Tuesday, there being no provision for an assistant for the term of Mr. Bickett, who succeeds Attorney General Gilmer at that time. Senator Manning's bill is designed to give additional power to the Attorney General so that he may examine into business methods of any corporations as to whether they they are conforming to the anti-trust laws of the State, and make it necessary for the Attorney General to approve all petitions for charters and amendments for corporations before granted by the Secretary of State. Furthermore it would make the Attorney General the legal advisor of the Corporation Commission and attorney of record in all suits in which the Corporation Commission is a party.

President Winston today announced the committees of the Senate, Empie, of New Hanover, is chairman of those on Game Laws and Immigration and a member of those on Election Laws, Fish and Fisheries, Revisal, Judiciary, and Penal Institutions. Other chairmen are as follows: Judiciary, Manning, of Durham; Appropriations, Long, of Iredell; Banking and Currency, Clark, of Bladen; Corporations, Pharr, of Mecklenburg; Education, Blow, of Pitt; Constitutional Amendments, Ray, of Hendersonville; Counties, Cities and Towns, Klutz, of Rowan; Finance, Long, of Person; Fish and Fisheries, Burton, of Onslow; Shell Fish, Latham, of Beaufort; Insurance, Ormond, of Lenoir; Asylums for Insane, Travis, of Halifax; Agriculture, Doughton, of Alleghany.

THE 30-FOOT WATERWAY

North Carolina Waterways Association Undaunted and Not Surprised at No Rivers and Harbors Bill at This Session.

In view of the rather disappointing news contained in the Associated Press reports Wednesday night, stating that there will likely be no general rivers and harbors bill at this session of Congress, a representative of the Star called yesterday at the office of Mr. James H. Chadbourn, president of the North Carolina Waterways Association, who was asked as to the probable effect of this action upon the 30-foot project for Wilmington and the State.

It was learned that the Waterways Association had already discounted this news from Washington and was already at work upon an alternative proposition, which has for its object the official recognition of the project and its inclusion in the general scheme of river improvement to be hereafter undertaken by the Government. In fact, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association was held at the office of Mr. Chadbourn on Monday, at which the question was gone into very thoroughly. Captain Earl I. Brown, of the Corps of United States Engineers, was present by invitation and others in attendance upon the meeting were Mr. Chadbourn presiding, Messrs. J. A. Taylor, H. G. Smallbones, R. A. Parsley and the secretary, Mr. Meares Harriss. A letter from Mr. Godwin was read by the chairman, who suggested the drafting of a bill calling for examination and the acceptance of the improvement as an approved project. This would require no special appropriation and would, therefore, give the bill an excellent chance of passage, the cost of the survey to come from a reserve fund provided for such purposes by the government. Mr. Chadbourn stated that it was necessary to have the local work made an approved project because of the attitude of the Mississippi valley organizations. Captain Brown in response to inquiry stated that there is now no definite depth specified for the Cape Fear river and that he is authorized to go to any depth to which the available funds will permit.

Mr. Taylor stated that Wilmington would be undoubtedly safer with an appropoved project having in view a 30-foot depth. It was decided to request Congress to authorize an examination of the Cape Fear with a view to its improvement to 30 feet, the examination logically preceding the survey, and an amendment to Mr. Overman's bill, already introduced, and a resolution to be introduced by Mr. Godwin in the House was agreed upon as follows:

"Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Secretary of War be and he hereby is authorized and directed to cause an examination to be made of the Cape Fear river, North Carolina, from the City of Wilmington to the Ocean, with a view to its improvement, by dredging or otherwise, to obtain a channel having a minimum depth of 30 feet and a sufficient width to accommodate the needs of commerce."

The draft as agreed upon was forwarded at once to Mr. Overman with a copy thereof to Mr. Godwin.

HEARING CONCLUDED

Receivership Matter Before Standing Master in Wilmington.

The testimony upon the petition of certain stockholders and creditors for the removal of the receivers of the Kanawha Lumber Corporation, of Conway, S. C., was all in yesterday morning in the United States court room after a hearing of three days before ex-Judge McCulloch, special master, of Greenville, S. C. and a recess was taken until February 10th when the argument of counsel will be completed at Greenville, S. C. The special master heard the preliminary argument in behalf of the petitioners by Hon. Adam B. Littlepage, of Charleston, W. Va., but the remainder of the attorneys will be heard at Greenville. The petitioners in the case are D. C. Boyce, W. S. Lewis, W. C. Lewis, Geo. F. Buell, Bank of Horry, Burroughs & Collins, Co., Wm. B. Hurst, of Baltimore; Murchison National Bank, of Wilmington; National Bank of Charlestown, W. Va., and others; in fact, the petitioners claim to represent about two-thirds of the stockholders and two-thirds of the unsecured creditors.

BIENNIAL MESSAGE

Read to Both Houses of General Assembly in Joint Session Yesterday.

RATHER LENGTHY DOCUMENT

Advocates Veto Power For Governor, Four Year Term Instead of Two. Elections Too Frequent. Aid For Institutions.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 7.—The biennial message of Governor Robert B. Glenn to the General Assembly of 1909 was read to both Houses today in joint session, the Governor, according to the precedent established two years ago, appearing in person to read his valedictory.

Senator Pharr, of Mecklenburg, opposed the new departure of the Governor appearing in person to read his message instead of submitting it in writing to the two houses separately and having it read by the reading clerks as usual. The very term "message" implied that it was to be transmitted and not read in person. The Governor should not inject his personality, as head of the executive branch of the government, to the legislative branch, which the constitution declared should be separate and distinct. He was opposed to establishing such a precedent and while agreeing to conform to the wishes of the Governor for the present occasion, offered a resolution declaring such a course unwise and that its observance now was not to be considered a precedent for the future. By viva voce vote the resolution failed 20 to 25. There was also opposition to the "personally conducted" message in the House as well as in the Senate 30-odd votes being cast against it.

The message is a document of some 11,000 words and reviews the entire administration just concluding. He doubts if in any administration during times of profound peace more impressive events have transpired than during the last four years. Even though a severe panic has prevailed its blighting effect fell comparatively lightly on our people and they have seemingly prospered while others suffered. Cotton mills have been built in every section and North Carolina manufactures in her own mills more cotton than the 600,000 bales which she raises, taking second place in the nation's output of cotton goods. She ranks first in the manufacture of plug and smoking tobacco, second in manufacture of furniture, first in numbers of chairs produced while the largest pulp mill in the world is in Western North Carolina.

The Governor refers with pride to the educational record of the past two years when $490,342.15 was raised for educational purposes from country and local taxation, more than in the two previous years, and by donations and bonds $749,671.31. Rural school property increased $598,717 and city school property $593,541. In these two years 779 new rural school houses at an average of $685 each have been built. School terms have been lengthened, teachers better paid and attendance increased. The last Legislature appropriated $45,000 for high school and 156 of these have been built and 3,949 pupils enrolled. The present Legislature will be asked to give $5,000 more.

Morals have greatly improved; vagrancy, drunkenness and crime been greatly lessened, while industry, soberness and patriotism have increased.

The commission with the Governor as chairman by authority of the last Legislature has adjusted the State's indebtedness with perfect satisfaction to the creditors and honor to the State. All indebtedness except the iniquitous special-tax bonds has finally been settled on a perfectly just basis and the State with its assets can truly be said to be out of debt.

The work of the commission to expend the $500,000 for adequately and humanely caring for the helpless insane is endorsed and it is recommended that the commission be continued until it has completed what it has begun. The work is reviewed in detail and the Governor earnestly hopes that the present General Assembly will complete the work so nobly begun for these unfortunates.

Discussing the railroad imbroglio of the retiring administration, the Governor says:

As to the Railroads.

"The last General Assembly passed an act fixing maximum passenger and freight rates for railroads. In my message I had recommended a passenger rate of 2 1-2 cents per mile, with a request for a 2-cent mileage book. The Legislature disregarded my suggestion and fixed a 2 1-4-cent rate per mile, and also fixed freight rates. Hearing that the railroads intended to refuse to obey the law, I had a conference with certain railroad authorities, and proposed that the new law be given a fair trial for six or eight months, and if the increase in travel made it remunerative the law should stand, but if it were shown that the railroads were losing money I would at once convene the Legislature and ask them to remedy the wrong. The railroads refused to

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THE NEAR BEER SITUATION HERE.

"It will be seen by a news item elsewhere that the Wilmington authorities have decided to carry out the prohibition law in both letter and spirit. They have refused to allow the druggists to sell whiskey on prescription and will charter no near-beer joints. Strange times have fallen upon some of the people down that way."—Charlotte Chronicle.

The Chronicle misunderstands the situation in this city if it thinks no near-beer is being sold here—and not on the sly either, but in wide open places. There are almost as many near-beer stands now as there were saloons before January 1st.

It is true the Board of Aldermen did put itself on record as refusing to grant licenses to sell this beverage but it was not for the purpose of preventing its sale, but on the ground that it being a soft drink, it would come under the general provision for licensing the sale of all such drinks, the idea being that distinction could not be made in the amount of tax imposed between two kinds of soft drinks. But woe be unto the vender of near-beer who sells a stuff with alcohol enough in it to make the drunk come, for then he will be yanked up for violating the State prohibition law.

If Brother Harris would come to Wilmington and walk our streets for an hour he would exclaim: "Near-beer. Near-beer everywhere."

Our Aldermen did shut square down on the sale of whiskey and alcohol by drug stores on prescriptions, their idea being, we suppose, that if we are to have prohibition, let's have it sure enough, and after reading that sixty pints of whiskey were sold in Charlotte on Christmas eve on prescriptions by one physician they are more than ever convinced of the correctness of their action, though it was rather tough to shut down, without any notice, on the sale of alcohol.

This prohibition law and the many questions to be raised under it must be settled by the courts and the sooner they are raised and finally settled by the court of last resort the better it will be for all concerned, including the general public. The people want to know where they "are at" and the druggists and the physicians are anxious to know what are their rights and liabilities under that law.

It is true that strange things do sometimes happen down this way, but, considering Charlotte's record on drug store sales of whiskey, the Chronicle should not class our Aldermen's action as one of them.

A BIG PUBLIC DEBT.

A greatly increased national debt is staring this country in the face. It is a certainty in the near future unless one of two things is done—the expenses of the Government greatly decreased or much heavier taxes laid on the people. If the people will not stand for increase in taxation—and we do not believe they will—then the Government must go to borrowing in order to meet expenses or make marked reduction in those expenses. On this subject we find the following editorial in the New York Times:

"By the figures of the Secretary of the Treasury we know that the actual deficit for the first half of the current fiscal year is $65,000,000, and that for the whole year it is likely to be more rather than less the estimate of the Secretary, which is $114,000,000. For next year, on the basis of existing legislation and recent receipts and expenditures, the Secretary makes a tentative estimate of a deficit of $143,000,000. As he says, this is hardly more than conjecture, but it has at least this significance, that our present policy, with no provision for new revenues and no considerable cutting down of expenditures, will land us in the plight described. It is not likely—humanly speaking, it is hardly practicable—for Congress to make substantial reductions in the outgo. It is not much more likely, in the present condition of the country and the temper of the people, that new taxes will be laid in large amount. It is almost certain that demands for new expenditures will press more and more urgently on the Government. If we spend more and will not tax ourselves there is only one other thing to do—borrow."

FORAKER AND THE BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR.

We hope the Brownsville affair is nearing its end now that the Federal Supreme Court has handed down a decision that President Roosevelt was acting within his constitutional rights when he discharged the negro soldiers. Senator Foraker fought hard for a long time to keep it a live issue. We do not see what he has to stand on now unless it be an effort to induce the President to reinstate the discharged soldiers; but as he will pass out of official public life on March 4th he will not be in position to greatly pester the people with his continual harping on the subject. He may try to keep the issue alive as a local one in order to help boost himself into the Senate again two years hence; but that will concern only the people of Ohio, and the balance of the country will not be bothered by him and his negro question.

Mr. Foraker will not get much satisfaction out of President Taft on the question of reinstatement of the discharged soldiers, for he as Secretary of War was thoroughly in accord with President Roosevelt in the latter's action in discharging them.

JUDGE LANDIS' EXCUSE.

Who can blame those Federal court judges for not wanting to tackle that Standard Oil case? It strikes us, however, as a rather peculiar reason Judge Landis gives why he should not preside at the retrial. The judge of an inferior court is supposed to adopt as the law in a case the decisions of the appellate court on the points of law raised in the former trial. He has no right to personal views on the questions, or rather he should conform his views to those of the higher court so far as the retrial of that case is concerned. Nisi prius Judges in State courts often preside the second time at trial of cases which have been sent back to them from the appellate court on assignment of error in law made by the judge in the first trial, and we have never heard of such judge objecting to preside at the trial because he had personal views on the subject of appeal differing from the opinion of the judges of the higher court.

Several days ago an account was published in some of the papers of the State of the arrest in Asheville of a young man named H. E. Poor, charged with embezzling money from his employer in Charlotte. In justice to Mr. Poor the papers which published the item should give publicity to the following, which appeared in the Asheville Citizen a day or two later:

"Henry E. Poor, the younug salesman who was arrested on train No. 35 by the police Friday morning on a telegram from Charlotte officials, was released yesterday after settlement had been effected with J. F. Newbegin, of Charlotte, who caused his arrest on account of money due him and who thought Mr. Poor was not coming back because he left Charlotte without notifying him. Mr. Poor paid the $62 which was found to be due. He had left Charlotte hastily because of the receipt of a message that his mother was ill."

They say Roosevelt could have some real exciting sport if he would go to Alabama and hunt blind tigers. Some of them would give him a warmer reception than any he will encounter in Africa.

If Yuan Shi-Kai really did have the effrontery to have rheumatism while Grand Councellor he ought to be thankful that he got off with such light punishment as dismissal from office.

If Taft will appoint the right kind of people to office in the South—we don't mean Democrats—he will make friends in this section. That can't be denied.

The people are willing for the Legislature to go slow, but the politicians may have something to say about that, for what would they have to go upon were it to do so?

If all the original Taft men in the South follow the example of the gentleman from Durham and visit the President-elect at Augusta what a crowd there will be in that city.

We hope Roosevelt beginning to write oily messages to Congress is not a sign that he is losing his grip over contemplation of that March through Africa's jungles.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Washington Herald says: "Mr. Taft's presence in the midst of Dixie has had a most extraordinary influence over the mental operations of our Southern contemporaries." Mr. Taft's presence has produced nothing new in the South. For a long time there has been a growing sentiment in favor of so laying the tariff which is necessary to raise revenue in such a way as to foster the development of factories, the diversification of pursuits, and by the influence of these, stimulate the prices of staple crops and give values to perishable farm products which they have heretofore not had. Mr. Taft's presence has elucidated this movement, about which the Northern press has not hertofore been well posted—Charlotte Chronicle.

—Mr. Roosevelt's special message in answer to the secret service resolution of the house of representatives is in no sense an adequate atonement for his original offense. To say that "I have made no charges of corruption against Congress, nor against any member of the present house," is either to deny the plain meaning of words or to confess the utter irresponsibility of his utterances. He declared specifically in his annual message of December 8 that "this amendment has been of benefit only and could be the benefit only to the criminal classes," and that "the chief argument in favor of the provision was that the Congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men." If this was not a charge of corruption against "the congressmen," then words have no meaning.—New York World.

—The best that the House can do in the circumstances—and certainly it should do something to record its sense of outrage—would be to pass a temperate and dignified resolution of protest against the President's characterization of the attitude of Congress in its opposition to the extension of the secret service operation, and close the chapter sharply and definitely. Mr. Roosevelt is about to go out of office and Congress can serve no good end by a wrangle with him up to the moment of his retirement. He is, as always, "spoiling for a fight," and he is bound to have the last word in any controversy that may be joined with him, to the derogation of the national dignity and the disturbance of the national temper. Let him go in comparative quiet and good fortune go with him, as peace will almost certainly come after him.—Charleston Post.

—In the Consolidated Gas Company case the decision of the Supreme Court eliminates the political risk of the business; it leaves the economic risk where it was before. That problem must be worked out by the company. That is to say, the court assures to the gas company the opportunity to earn and pay 6 per cent. upon its capital under a judicial guarantee against further legislative molestation. It is evident that under the ruling and the reasoning of the court a legislative act further reducing the price of gas to the consumer, and reducing it to a figure making it impossible for the company to earn 6 per cent., would be declared confiscatory and therefore unconstitutional. The assurance is even broader than that. It is practically a guarantee to the company that if under the Eighty-cent law, after a fair trial in good faith, it demonstrates its inability to earn 6 per cent. upon the property actually used in the business, the Legislature must permit an increase of the selling rate up to the 6 per cent. return point. That is the plain meaning of the court's language when the passage asserting that "the complainant is entitled to a return, if it is possible, of 6 per cent. upon the fair value of its property" is read in connection with the concluding paragraph of the memorandum declaring that, if practical experience of the law shows the company to be unable to earn "a fair and just return,'" then, in that event, it "ought to have the opportunity of again presenting its case to the court."—New York Times.

TWINKLINGS.

—A man pays his club bill with fond reminiscences, his grocer's with shrieks for economy.—January Smart Set.

—Clara—What a perfectly lovely gown of yours. Maud—Do you really like it? "Immensely. It is so hideously up-to-date."—Life.

—"So your family disapproved of your going on the stage." "Yes," answered Miss Gawzy. "Why?" "They saw me act."—Washington Star.

—"Bobby, did you give a piece of your cake to little Sam Green?" "Yessum, but I punched his face first."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

—Freeman—I've been looking at your wife, Henry. What a firm chin she has. Peck—It may look that way, but I assure you it oscillates on the slightest provocation.

—Sitter—Well! Have I at last got the pleasant expression you desire? Operator—Yes, sir. Now keep quite still, sir. Sitter—Hurry up, then. It hurts my face.—Punch.

—Nell—Nell—So she married that foreign nobleman, eh? She used to say she wouldn't marry him for love or money. Belle—She didn't. She married him for a title.—Philadelphia Record.

—"Time brings changes. Seems queer to be sending back her lock of hair." "Things were different once, eh?" "Yes; here I am returning a brunette lock of hair to a blonde."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

—"I wonder why Bliggins thinks he has the smartest children on earth?" "It's because 'most anybody who goes to his house would rather hear the children recite than listen to Bliggins talk."—Washington Star.

—Newly Wed Husband—The time has come, dearest, when I shall have the painful task of acquainting your father with the fact that I am heavily in debt. Wife—Dont mind that. I'm sure he'll give you the sympathy of a companion in adversity.—Fliegende Blaetter.

—The Father—I learn with sorrow my son, that you are getting to be what they term quite fast. The Son—You shouldn't believe all you hear, dad. I'll introduce you to a man who will tell you a other story. The Father—And who is he? The Son—My tailor. He says I'm the slowest chap he's got on his books.—Chicago Daily News.

—Washington Messenger: Washington Heights seems to be taking a new start with the new year, and if the present indications count for anything, we should say that 1909 will be the banner year for this property. We understand that two other factories are to be located on this property within the next few months, in addition to the two now building. These factories will require a number of dwellings for their employes, and it is reported that the Washington Investment Company is perfecting plans by which they will be able to build houses for all those who buy lots on this property, and either rent them, or sell outright on small monthly payments.

Don't Get A Divorce.

A western judge granted a divorce on account of ill-temper and bad health. Dr. King's New Life Pills would have prevented it. They cure constipation, causing bad breath and Liver Trouble the ill-temper, dispel colds, banish headaches, conquer chills. 25c at R. R. Bellamy.

"REMEMBER CARMACK"

Is the Cry of the Tennessee State-Wide Prohibitionists.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 6.—"Remember Carmack!" is the rallying cry of the temperance forces of Tennessee, who are gathering in the capital during the first week of the legislative session to demand the passage of a prohibition bill that will drive every saloon from the State. Only three Tennessee big cities are now left in which liquor can be legally sold ,and there is every prospect that before long Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga will be rendered "dry."

The assassination of Senator Carmack, the editor of a local newspaper, by a political enemy, has been made an issue by the friends of State-wide prohibition. Carmack was last year a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination against Governor Patterson. He ran on a prohibition platform, but was defeated by a narrow margin after a heated campaign in which the liquor traffic was the principal issue. He did not allow his defeat at the polls to end the campaign but kept the prohibition question to the forefront through editorials in the newspaper of which he was the editor. It was his devoted advocacy of the temperance cause, declare his friends, that led to his tragic death in a duel on the streets of Nashville. Now he is being hailed as a martyr to prohibition, and a State-wide law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor is urged as the most fitting monument to his memory.

Despite reverses they suffered in the first conflicts with the liquor element, the leaders of the temperance army are confident that public opinion will force the present Legislature to pass a prohibition law.

It is alleged that the prohibition bill will have more than the necessary seventeen votes in the Senate, and that nearly two-thirds of the members of the House are State-wide-ers, or will eventually be brought to that way of thinking by the force of public opinion.

The liquor dealers have not yet given up hope that Tennessee will be saved from the impending fate of prohibition, and the battle between the "wets" and "drys" will be fought to a finish. Opponents of prohibition assert that the attempt to make the Carmack murder an issue is absurd, and that the assassination of the former Senator was due to personal differences and had nothing to do with the liquor controversy.

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BOSTON & MAINE RAILROAD
Claim Department
W. A. Barker, Claim Agt.

Boston, Dec. 23rd 1908.

J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., Wilmington, N. C.
Gentlemen:—

During a recent business trip to Wilmington I was troubled quite a little with constipation. I bought at your store a small bottle of Pink Pellets and I have never used anything that has acted so nicely on my stomach as they did. I have tried in several drug stores in Boston to find some like them but have been unsuccessful; consequently I write to you and enclose $1.00. Will you kindly mail me that amount in the little Pellets and greatly oblige,

Very truly yours
(Signed) W. A. BARKER.

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BIENNIAL MESSAGE

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agree to this plan, and also would not obey the law, but took out injunctions in the Federal courts. With no feeling of bitterness to the railroads, but believing in my sworn duty to enforce the law passed by the Legislature, whether I approved or disapproved the rate fixed, I attempted to enforce the law, and would have done so if it had taken every dollar in the treasury and put arms in the hands of every available man in the State.

"Serious trouble for a time seemed imminent; there was a conflict between State and Federal authorities, and much bad blood engendered. However, cool heads on both sides prevented any actual outbreak, until at last a compromise that I deemed fair to both the railroads and the State was effected, which agreement was ratified by the Legislatuure in extra session. Since then no friction has existed; for, while the railroads did not put the mileage books on sale and for use in the manner contemplated by the agreement, and certainly not in the spirit, even if in the letter, of the compromise, in other respects they have faithfully complied with their agreement, and the settlement has proved a blessing to the people and in no way injurious to the railroads.

"At the special session $5,000 was placed in my hands for the purpose of trying to prevent the railroads from unjustly discriminating in freight rates in favor of other States and against North Carolina. The Corporation Commission employed counsel and presented an exceedingly strong case before the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The matter has been heard, and we have strong hopes of success, as our cause is just, our complaint being not so much that the freight rates are excessive, but unjust, as giving other States better rates than ours (when they should be uniform), and thus putting our shippers and merchants at great disadvantage. If we lose before the Inter-State Commerce Commission, then we must appeal to Congress to right the wrong by passing just laws to prevent such wrongful discrimination. In this connection I would say that, in my judgment, little railroad legislation is necessary at this session. I suggest that you pass a resolution requesting the railroads to remedy the annoyance and inconvenience put upon the traveling public by the present use of the mileage book, and I believe they will comply with your request.

"I also recommend that certain unjust penalties against railroads be modified, for such laws are wrong, and in the end the penalties are usually collected out of the public, which gets no part of the penalty. I will give one nistance: A party ships an article; it is lost; the railroads cannot show how, and so a penalty of $25 for the first day and $5 for every day thereafter is exacted.

"Instances have come to my notice where the parties not only recovered the value of the goods, but also enormous penalties, although the actual value of the property did not exceed one or two dollars. The true rule should be a recovery of the property, together with any actual damage sustained by reason of the loss. Let the Legislature review all these penalty laws, and modify and change them so as to be perfectly just to both shippers and railroads. No person but a demagogue desires to unjustly injure railroads, for they are the great arteries of commerce, and perhaps do more than any other one factor to build up a State's resources, and, instead of being needlessly crippled, they should be encouraged and protected, provided they do not violate the law, and then they should be controlled and made to obey, just as individuals have to do."

Recommendations.

Not in a spirit of dictation but as the Constitution enjoins upon him, the Governor calls attention by way of suggesting a number of recommendations. He would not say, in the language of a leading newspaper, that the Legislature should elect a United States Senator and adjourn, but he would say there are not very many pressing laws now needed to be passed and the fewer passed, the quicker the body would adjourn and the better in his judgment, it would be for the State. The Governor's salary should be increased from $4,000 to $6,000 and the Commissioner of Labor and Printing to $2,500. Others were increased at last session. Members of Congress get $7,500 for half a year and may engage in other work. Many sheriffs and clerks get over $5,000, yet the Governor has to give all his time, entertain a great deal and gets only $4,000. He had lived economically and yet each year has spent $2,000 more than he received. A governor ought not to desire to make a dollar, for to hold the office is a great honor, but he ought not to be required to serve the people for less than actual expenses. He asks the Legislature to act at once as after the officers are inaugurated there can be no increase according to law.

Taxation.

Stress is laid upon the importance of taxation and to the Governor the rule that will induce the most capital and the best class of investors to come to the State, is to assess all property at a fair valuation and have as low a rate as possible, for a high rate and low assessment frightens away both home-seekers and investors, while a low rate and high valuation will induce them to come. More than 45 counties received from the State more than they paid in taxes to the State and the assessed value varies about in proportion to the number of counties in the State. Some counties assess at a fair valuation, others at about a half and some as low as a third. This is unfair to individual taxpayers and counties that act right and violates the rule of uniformity laid down by the Constitution. The Legislature refused to listen to these wrongs to which he called attention in 1907, with the result that the taxes collected were not enough to meet the appropriations they made. He suggests that the present law be changed so that assessors may assess all realty, having power to examine witness, deeds, etc., and in addition also assess the value of all personalty, and send their assessments of such to the board of equalization. Then let every tax-payer, under oath, with penalties and misdemeanors attached, if he acts falsely or fraudulently, list both his real and personal property at what he conceives to be a fair value, and then send said valuation also to the board of equalization; and then the board, having both the assessors' and the individual's valuation of property, can scarcely make any mistake in arriving at a correct value. If this rule be adopted, all taxes necessary to defray the expenses of the State will be raised and the rate can be reduced. It is also suggested that in every county some discreet citizen be appointed to assist and supervise the assessors in making their assessment and act with similar persons from the Congressional district to see that valuations are uniform in all the counties. Then the State Board of Equalization could be composed of one member from each of the district boards. All districts thus represented on the State Board would tend to a uniform valuation in the entire State.

The Governor advises that the present law in regard to the Board of Equalization be repealed as too costly with no method to properly enforce it and no proper method of ascertaining true values. In some countries a 10 per cent. bid can be placed on the value an individual puts on his property and the government take it as its own. This may be too drastic for North Carolina but something should be done to stop the grievous frauds now practiced on the State to the end that all may be treated fairly and alike and that persons seeking to avoid the laws of assessment may be properly and adequately punished. The Governor suggests that a strong finance committee be named to confer with the State Auditor, Treasurer and Corporation Commissions to make such law as will meet the conditions.

Primaries and Elections.

Obtaining nominations and being elected to office are becoming too expensive, the Governor says, and fraud is often resorted to in order to win. He recommends a legalized primary for the nomination of all State, county and municipal officers, 60 days before the regular election, dates to be uniform and for all parties throughout the State; that the State bear all the expense and such primaries be conducted as regular elections; that no person voted for in the primary can be a candidate at the regular election. The system, he says, has worked well in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and other States. He urges a publicity clause for both primaries and election. He would also have any scandalous charges printed in any newspaper against a candidate punished as a misdemeanor. "It is becoming too costly, both to purse and character," says the Governor, "to secure nominations and our best men will more and more shirk from the ordeal through which they must pass to be elected; and unless this evil is checked, rich men or unscrupulous men will soon be the only ones asking for election, and, in the hands of such men, we can readily see the State would not be safe." There should be more polling places in each county and the Australian ballot should be used with the polls closing at 4 o'clock.

Criminal Procedure.

To relieve crowded dockets and for the more speedy enforcement of the criminal law, with proper safeguards preventing leniency in dealing with crime, the Governor recommends that in every town, city and township there be appointed or elected one or more persons as recorders or trial justices, with jurisdiction over all misdemeanors. The Governor, for economy's and convenience's sake advocates the division of the State into two judicial circuits, half of the judicial districts being in one and half in the other, the judges rotating in the circuit as they do now in the State and the Governor to have powed to transfer from one to another circuit as emergency might require. In all criminal cases the challenges of the State and defense should be equal The practice of unequal challenges in favor of the defense grew out of the fact that defendants formerly could not testify in their own behalf and it was felt he should have some advantage in the selection of a jury in capital cases. Now no reason exists for giving a defendant such advantage. The Governor also insists that the judicial districts be equalized and solicitors be put on salary. All executions for capital offenses should be by electrocution in the State prison. The change could be made without amendment to the constitution.

Corporation Commission.

This branch of government has done great service to the State and its powers should be enlarged instead of curtailed as by the last General Assembly. It should have power to regulate intra-State passenger and freight rates, prevent unjust discrimination, require connections and do anything to regulate public service corporations in the State with full power to enforce its orders by contempt proceedings. All present laws should be gone over with the Commission and its powers should be restored.

Insurance Commissioner.

A tremendous amount of work has been done by this department, taxes of $224,680.58 having been collected during the last fiscal year with a steady increase. Each Assembly should do its part to increase the efficiency of the department.

Labor and Printing.

This is the only department that gathers statistics as to agricultural and industrial pursuits and is little understood and appreciated. It regulates labor conditions in factories and mills and endeavors to bring about the proper relation between capital and labor, thus doing the State a great service. The Governor recommends that the commissioner be given power to inspect all factories and that child labor be changed from 66 to 60 hours per week.

Agricultural Department.

This branch of the service is yielding tremendous dividends in beneficial results where most needed. Every encouragement should be given

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Star Business Locals Pay.

The Morning Star.

Friday, January 8, 1909.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 8, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Thursday, Jan. 7th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 46 degrees; 8 P. M. 38 degrees; maximum 46 degrees; minimum 38 degrees; mean 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day. .00; for the month, .88 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Wednesday at 8 A. M. 10 feet.

Storm Warning.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Northeast storm warning 2:30 P. M., Wilmington, Morehead, Washington, Columbia, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Norfolk, Newport News, Fort Monroe. Steep pressure gradient over North Atlantic States will cause strong northeast winds on Virginia and Carolina coast tonight and Friday.

For North Carolina—Snow Friday, except rain near the coast; Saturday partly cloudy; fresh northeast to north winds.

Port Calendar—Jan. 8.

Sun Rises.....7:10 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:05 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 51 min.
High water at Southport 9:31 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 10:54 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

City Livery Co.—A Horse.
Crystal Palace—Be Certain.
Peterson & Rulfs—Infant's Shoes.
E. Warren & Son—Hot Chocolate.
John D. Bellamy & Son—Foreclosure.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Salesman.
Hilton—Lumber Co.—Slabs.
Mr. R. B. Finney—An Address.
J. G. Wright & Son—A Bargain.
Wanted—Position as Bookkeeper.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. J. Loughlin, of Southport, spent yesterday in Wilmington on a short business trip.

—Messrs. J. T. Bland, of Burgaw; J. D. Wiley, of Charlotte, and A. P. Gilbert, of Durham, were among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday.

—Wednesday's Raleigh Times: "Miss Mattie Sue Hale has returned to the Baptist University, after spending the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hale, in Wilmington."

—Messrs. Willard U. Taylor and C. B. Jordan, two prominent young New York business men, have been in the city since Sunday, the guests of Mr. G. T. Flynn for a hunting trip. They have had excellent sport at ducking and in quest of other game.

FINANCES OF COUNTY.

Auditing Committee in Regular Monthly Session Yesterday.

The auditing committee of the Board of County Commissioners was in regular monthly session yesterday afternoon but transacted little business of public importance, members present being Chairman McEachern and Messrs. Vollers, Divine and Robertson. A report of the audit of the county books and those of the school fund was received, but action upon the same was deferred when more time will be at command. The monthly report of County Treasurer H. McL. Green showed receipts and disbursements of the public fund during December as follows:

Receipts—Balance Dec. 1st, General Fund, $9,209.90; Special fund, $229.63; Road Fund, $2,548.34; Road Sinking Fund, $7,867.80; Schedule B tax, $76; property tax, $586.54; interest on account of road sinking fund, $77.62; jail fees, $1.10; property tax, $12,845.12; special tax for road sinking fund, $2,500; back taxes, $183.60; error in warrant, $11.25; cost and jail fees, $5.45; cash for road fund, .50; marriage license, $33.25; jury tax, $24. Total, $36,200.10.

Disbursements— Public Building, $202.52; United Charities, $160.50; out door poor, $313.95; County Home, $215.64; hospital, $600; roads and bridges, $178.10; Superior Court, $442.60; jail, $172.30; stationery and advertising, $85.15; magistrates, $53.40; election, $53.20; county commissioners, $146; miscellaneous $185.20; register of deeds, $64.60; Superintendent of health, $100; attorney, $333.33, coroner, $22.60; constable, $13.90; clerk, $60; janitor, $50; treasurer commissions, $215.23; road sinking fund, $32.22; road fund, $2,746.54. Total, $6,446.98.

The balance to January account is $29,753.12 distributed to the several funds as follows: General, $19,308.49; Special Fund, $229.63; Road sinking fund, $10,413.20. Total, $29,951.32.

Substantial Growth of Library.

A splendid report recently submitted at a meeting of the trustees of the Wilmington Public Library by the librarian, shows the institution in excellent condition and receiving strong patronage from the people. Some very valuable additions have recently been made by the gifts of books from Mrs. Donald MacRae, Miss Helene Fillyaw and Mr. William Crow. Miss Mary F. Meares and Mrs. Geo. R. French have also given three handsome engravings, that materially add to the interior of the library. The registrations show a total of 2,130.

Men's Meeting at St. James.

Mr. B. L. Finney, the secretary of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew for the Southern States, will meet the men of the Episcopal churches of the city at St. James' parish house at 8 o'clock sharp this evening. Mr. Finney is making a tour of the Diocese of East Carolina under the direction of Bishop Strange. He will arrive today from Newbern and leave tomorrow for Fayetteville. He has had good meetings and expects a large attendance from Wilmington this evening.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Home Science Department of Sorosis will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the club room.

—In Justice Furlong's court yesterday, Cornelius and Bob Loftin and Sol Williams, arrested last Tuesday by Deputy Sheriff Cox on Wrightsville Sound, on charges of assault, were yesterday given trial and discharged for lack of evidence.

—The annual meeting of the Luther League of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be held tonight in the Memorial Building at 8:15. Officers will be elected for the year and plans for work among the young people formulated. All members of the League are urged to be present.

—The following is the honor roll of the Wrightsville Public School for the month of December: First grade, Jacob Bloom, Stacey McGowan, Robert Taylor, Theodore Taylor, Dainie Lawhorn, Daisy Lawhorn. Second grade, Ralph Piner, Fourth grade, Fannie Lawhorn. Sixth grade, Hilda Topel, Mamie Roberts. Seventh grade, Maggie Roberts, Della Taylor, Aubrey Macomber.

PROVED HIGHLY AMUSING.

Good Crowd Attended Mock Trial. Mayor Up For Larceny.

Something rich in humor and highly entertaining, was the verdict of a good sized audience at the Mock Court Trial, where an actual court scene was portrayed with a number of Wilmington's most prominent citizens constituting the court officials, defendant, attorneys, witnesses and jurors, at the Academy of Music last evening under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Col. A. V. Newton, of Worcester, Mass., conducted the court trial most auspiciously and with his wit, sarcasm and good humor, made it both interesting and laughable. Mayor William E. Springer, in the leading role, as the defendant, charged with stealing a rooster from Col. Walker Taylor, had his "reputation and personal liberty at stake," and pulled through under such trying circumstances with a little glory, partially due to wise counsel. Col. Walker Taylor, the prosecutor, was under hot fire, and his accusations were not exactly clear in the mind of the jurors, witnesses proving that he "was kinder daffy on the subject of roosters, had accused other parties of a like offense, and wanted to rent the Murchison bank safe as an incubator." R. W. Herring, Esq., as the State's attorney did exceptionally well, considering that he had to handle Col. Newton, the defendant's attorney and the "all-wise" to the situation. J. O. Carr, Esq., as a judge, was a model on the bench, who held the attorneys at bay and made the witnesses bring to bear the evidence.

Others who lent aid in carrying out the trial to perfection in their official capacities were: Mr. W. N. Harriss, clerk of court; Mr. Meares Harris, court stenographer; Messrs. H. G. Fennell, Joseph W. Little, F. H. Harriss, Dr. Joseph Akerman, witnesses; the jurors, W. C. Yarborough, K. W. Price, W. B. Cooper, W. H. Sprunt, Dr. J. H. Dreher, Dr. J. W. Stanly, J. N. North, W. E. Perdew, W. W. Koch, Geo. Honnett, O. L. Browne, and H. M. Foard. Deputy Sheriff Cox proved a star witness of "questionable character" and Justice Bornemann was an attending officer.

The jury deliberated only a few seconds, unanimously agreeing, that the defendant, Mayor Springer, be released from custody on condition that he return the fowl to its rightful owner, Col. Taylor.

JUNIORS INSTALLED OFFICERS.

Joint Exercises by Jeff Davis and George Washington Councils.

The joint installation of officers by Jeff Davis and George Washington councils, Jr., O. U. A. M., at their council hall, on Market street, last night proved a most interesting ceremony. After the regular exercises the large number of Juniors in attendance enjoyed a spread of dainty refreshments and fragrant Havanas. The installation ceremonies were by Deputy State Councillors H. F. Farrow and Jas. F. Tripp and the following were inducted into office:

Jeff Davis Council No. 63.—J. W. Overby, junior past councilor; J. H. Williams, councilor; W. K. Mintz, vice councilor; John E. Wood, recording secretary; Woodus Kellum, assistant recording secretary; B. F. Brittain, financial secretary; E. S. Hancock, treasurer; C. M. Branch, conductor; C. P. Newton, warden; J. W. Russ, inside sentinel; W. J. Croom, outside sentinel; H. O. Murray, chaplain; H. F. Farrow, E. C. Woodbury and W. E. Yopp, trustees; W. E. Yopp and E. C. Woodbury, representatives; John E. Wood, alternate.

Geo. Washington Council No. 67—W. L. Moore, junior past councilor; James C. Lewis, councilor; Edward Register, vice councilor; M. H. P. Clark, recording secretary; C. A. Rourk, assistant recording secretary; C. R. Anderson, financial secretary; W. W. Galloway, treasurer; J. L. Anderson, conductor; H. W. Howell, warden; R. C. Fergus, inside sentinel; T. V. Cox, outside sentinel; W. C. Rourk, chaplain; W. L. Moore, Jas. F. Tripp and O. A. Durant, trustees; N. J. Williams, C. R. Anderson and B. D. Hamilton, representatives; Jas. F. Tripp, alternate.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Report of Treasurer for the Month of December 1908.

Receipts—New Hanover county, $125; Miss Lucile Murchison, $15; cash $40; Miss Mary Clark, $1; Mrs. H. F. Wilder, $1; cash $1; cash $1; cash $1; Mrs. J. W. Atkinson, $5; Mr. J. M. Solky, $10; Mr. H. C. McQueen, $5; Mrs. Alice Lippitt, $1; Mrs. W. L. DeRosset, Jr., $3; Mrs. Kate DeR. Meares, $5; Mrs. George Honnet, $5; Mr. Graham Kenan, $10; St. Andrew's Church, $5; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, $22.47.

Disbursements—Secretary's salary, $25; Catherine Kennedy Home $12.50; groceries, $128; rent for those in need $10.50; cash help, $2.25; telephone, $3; wood, $45; stationery, .65.

The Theatre

Tonight the Academy will offer a brilliant attraction in the big musical comedy success, "A Knight for a Day" and which is being presented by a fine singing company of sixty, headed by the popular comedian, Frank Deshon. An elaborate scenic production is being given the well known New York and Chicago success. Seats for the production are now selling. The Raleigh News and Observer of yesterday in speaking of the production there Wednesday night says that it was a most brilliant theatrical event, one of the best musical comedies that Raleigh has seen; that it was enjoyed to the uttermost. Frank Deshon as "Jonathan Joy" and Jewell Darrell as "Tillie Day" carried off the honors, shared by the beautiful young women of the chorus and the others of the cast, all of whom were good.

Change at the Crystal.

The change of bill at the Crystal Palace yesterday proved a most delightful one. The acts were all heartily received and the actors proved themselves vaudeville entertainers of the first class.

"Donkey's Skin."

Only one new film will be presented at the Bijou this afternoon and evening but this is more than a thousand feet in length and is a beautiful little fairy picture story of a rich old fellow with a magic donkey, who possesses all sorts of marvelous power and is finally given a sacrifice to the ambition of the father to have his beautiful young daughter marry a fright of a man. The pictures will be especially pleasing to ladies and children.

MECCA FOR SPORTSMEN

Rocky Point Attracting Many of Them. Other Neighborhood News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Point, N. C., Jan. 6.—Rocky Point is now the mecca for fox hunters and sportsmen generally. This morning the denizens of our hamlet were awakened by the tooting of the horns of the Lexington, N. C., Fox Club, composed of Messrs. J. L. McRary, C. F. McRary, R. L. McRary and J. M. Pugh, master of hounds. This pack consists of 13 pedigreed dogs and the champion pack of North Carolina. There is also Mr. A. A. Blackburn, of Goldsboro, who manages "Old Leader," a battle (or fox) scarred veteran with his deep bass voice that can be heard above the din of "Ring," Bradley," "Bob," "Hunter," "Skipper," "Eula," "Sweetheart," "Blanche" and "Tray." The music was superb, especially with the staccato of Eula. The whole gamut was yelped. The "New South Club," of Concord, with 20 dogs is expected.

Today the veteran sportsmen, Dally L. Futch, killed at one shot four large wild turkeys and it was not an extra good day either. It was all he could lift and carry home. Mr. Futch killed last week two deer. He does not make any boast of his prowess as a hunter—these facts were gleaned from his neighbors. Nor does he have to hunt for his bacon since he has a smokehouse full of fine meat, Norton yams, good corn bread and scuppernong cider to accompany same. That's living seven days in the week.

Mr. H. B. Bloodworth, R. L. C. No. 2 has several acres in radishes coming up. Strawberry fields are white with blooms.

RURAL ROUTE NO. 1.

COURTS OF THE DISTRICT.

Committee Will Attend Conference of Attorneys at Warsaw, N. C.

The whole matter of a rearrangement or readjustment of the courts of the Fifth Judicial District was gone into very thoroughly at the called meeting of the local bar yesterday to consider a communication from the bar of Sampson county. Some were of the opinion that New Hanover should be included in a much smaller district with more frequent court terms and Frank Thompson, Esq., of Onslow, who was present suggested a tier of counties with New Hanover as the centre for such a district.

It was decided at length to refer the whole matter of court relief to a meeting of representatives of all bars in the district to be held at Warsaw tomorrow. The committee from New Hanover was named to consist of Messrs. Eugene S. Martin, E. K. Bryan, Geo. H. Howell, J. O. Carr and Woodus Kellum. Whatever is agreed upon will be immediately taken to the Legislature and a bill authorizing needed changes will be urged.

INJURED AT OIL MILL

Boys' Foot Caught in Conveyor and Badly Crushed.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Jan. 7.—Last night at 10 o'clock Oscar Warwick, 16 years old, got his left foot caught in a seed conveyor at the oil mill and the leg was crushed so that amputation was necessary. He was hurried to the hospital where Dr. Thompson performed the operation taking off the leg at the knee. Warwick was not employed in the mill but went to see his brother who is employed there.

A Horrible Hold-Up.

"About ten years ago my brother was "held up" in his work, health and happiness by what was believed to be hopeless Consumption," writes W. R. Lipscomb, of Washington, N. C. "He took all kinds of remedies and treatment from several doctors, but found no help till he used Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles. He is a well man today." It's quick to relieve and the surest cure for weak or sour lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Ahthma and all Bronchial affections. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

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AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH

State Reformatory Ready for Occupants—Several Reports Made.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 7.—Governor Glenn today issued his formal proclamation declaring the Reformatory ready for the reception of youthful criminals and notifying presiding officers of courts that they have authority to sentence to the school all persons under the age of 16. The Reformatory is in Cabarrus county, near Concord.

The Commissioner of Agriculture has figures in his office showing the estimated consumption of manufactured fertilizers in eleven States, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansis, Mississippi, Virginia, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia, for the past six years. Only two States, Georgia and South Carolina are ahead of North Carolina in present consumption. In the season 1901-1902 North Carolina used 326,256 tons; in 1907-1908, 507,842 tons.

The State Charities Board reports that there has been marked improvement in the management of the State institutions and in the several counties where jails and convict camps are maintained.

A charter was issued yesterday for the Smithfield Roller Mills Co., $25,000 capital and principal incorporators O. R. Redd and R. A. Cotton.

The annual report of State Geologist Joseph Hyde Pratt shows definite work in establishing forest preservation with income derived from it on scientific basis in a number of counties with a view to perpetuating the forests for profit, notable counties containing these forests being Columbus, Bladen, Beaufort and Camden. There has just been completed a presentation of the underground water supply of the eastern slope of the State which, it is expected will prove one of the most interesting geological papers ever issued in North Carolina. The Legislature is urged to provide for private cultivation of oysters as a means of conserving this resource in the State.

Real Estate Transfers.

By deeds filed for record yesterday the following real estate transfers are made: Mrs. Susan E. Moore to Louis T. Moore, for $2,000, property at Northwest corner of Second and Grace streets, 33x66 feet in size. Joseph Spells and wife to Katie Marshburn, for $450, property on east side of Sixth, 60 feet south of Howard street, 30x75 feet in size. J. H. Hewlett and wife to W. P. McGlaughon, for $1,000 and other considerations, property on south side of Ann, 82 1-2 feet west of Sixth street, 41 1-4x66 feet in size.

The first and most picturesque of the official White House receptions of the session was that given in Washington last night in honor of the diplomatic corps. Diplomatic official and social Washington was present in large numbers. One touch of brilliant color that usually adds to the richness of such reception was lacking due to the fact that China's representatives, are in mourning because of the recent death of their emperor.

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EX-SHERIFF TAYLOR.

Prominent and Well Known Citizen of Brunswick Passed Away.

News reached the city at an early hour this morning of the death of ex-Sheriff Edward W. Taylor, of Brunswick county, which occurred at his home at Winnabow, at 10:45 o'clock last night, after an immediate illness of only one day. On Wednesday Mr. Taylor was in his usual health and celebrated his 79th birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Johnson, returned home feeling rather unwell, presumably from something he ate, retired about 9 o'clock that night after taking a dose of some medicine to relieve him and was stricken before morning with something like apoplexy, never regaining consciousness after he retired. Dr. Goodman was summoned and remained with Mr. Taylor almost constantly, but he never rallied and death came to end his suffering at the hour stated last night.

Mr. Taylor was easily one of the first men of his county, which he had served as sheriff, as treasurer and in the constitutional convention of 1875. A gentleman of the old school, with a high sense of honor and undoubted integrity, he was highly esteemed wherever he was known and numbered among his friends hundreds of people in Wilmington, who will receive the news of his death with much sorrow. Mr. Taylor was three times married, being a brother-in-law of Mr. J. B. Mercer, of this city, but there are surviving him now only his sons and daughters: Representative C. Ed Taylor, of Southport, who arrived on the early train this morning from the Legislature in Raleigh in response to a telegram notifying him of the critical illness of his father; Mr. J. M. Taylor, of Wilmington; Mr. E. W. Taylor, Mrs. John E. Gill, of Henderson; Mrs. D. R. Johnson, of Winnabow, and Mrs. J. L. Tharp, of Brunswick. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of all in their bereavement. A more extended notice of the death of ex-Sheriff Taylor will be given later.

The funeral of Mr. Taylor will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Mt. Zion Church and the interment will be in the family burying ground.

THE DORCAS SOCIETY.

Held Fine Meeting Followed by Reception—Officers.

The annual meeting of the Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, was held in the Lutheran Memorial building yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the work of the society showed up splendidly for the year. The society is one of the largest of religious auxiliary organizations in the city and the ladies have been most aggressive in the furtherance of mission work.

The officers elected for the ensuing years are as follows: Mrs. L. Freimuth, president; Mrs. C. W. Polvogt, vice president; Mrs. L. Vollers, recording secretary; Mrs. J. H. Rehder, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. D. Wessell, treasurer.

After the business session a delightful social meeting and reception in which all members participated was held in the Memorial Building, the reception room being prettily decorated in the colors of red and green. This occasion proved one of the most enjoyable of the annual sociables of the society.

Christian Church Revival.

"A New Creature in Christ" will be the subject of Evangelist Coomb's sermon at the Christian Church, on Dock street, this evening. Notwithstanding the cold, the church will be kept comfortable and it is hoped there will be a large attendance to hear him, as he is doing much good in the community in the series of meetings which he is holding here.

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WARM WIRELETS.

Nicholas Siani, the Catholic priest, who disappeared from St. Rocco church, Newark a week ago, in company with Julia Testa, a 17 year-old-girl, was discovered in New York yesterday by detectives and placed under arrest charged with abduction.

A strong northeaster last night accompanied by a blinding snow storm off the Virginia capes, has further jeopardized the British steamer Anglo-African, which is on the shoals off Smith's Island. Grave fears are entertained for her safety and the captain and crew have been advised to come ashore.

BIG FIRES IN NEW YORK.

Total Loss Estimated at Over a Million—Accidents.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 7.—It required nearly three hours work tonight to subdue three fires which caused a loss estimated at $1,250,000. No lives were lost but there were a number of accidents which involved injury to firemen or citizens.

The first fire occurred in a building at 98 and 100 Hudson streets, occupied by Thomas J. Lipton Tea Co., E. O. Hazard and Co., and Crandall and Godley Co. The total loss was estimated at $500,000. The second fire was at the Bowery and Hester street, occupied by a number of manufacturing firms. It was, however, confined to the building in which it started, with a financial loss of $150,000. Another fire early in the evening at 134 Crosby street, in a building occupied by Leasle, Daily & Co., S. Steinfeldt and Halman & Lichton, caused a loss that will probably reach $600,000.

"COUNT" HAMON ARRESTED.

Swindler of High Degree Located in London—Big Frauds.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Paris, Jan. 7.—A warrant charging embezzlement was issued in this city today for the arrest of "Count" Louis Hamon, formerly known in America and Europe as "Cheiro, the Palmist," who went to London yesterday following the allegation of two American women that he had defrauded them of valuable stocks. It is pointed out, however, that if Hamon is a British subject he cannot be brought here from London, as Great Britain does not permit the extradition of her citizens.

"Count" Louis Hamon, who left Paris yesterday after being charged by Mrs. Julia P. Newell, and Miss Josephine Pomeroy, of New York, with defrauding them of stocks said to be worth $500,000, was located in London today. He said that the transaction on which the charge of fraud is based was legitimate.

THE WOMEN ACQUITTED

Verdict of Not Guilty in Case of Mrs. Erb and Sister.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Media, Pa., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Florence M. Erb, wife of Captain J. Clayton Erb who was well known in political circles all over Pennsylvania and her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beisel who were charged with the sensational murder of Captain Erb on the night of October 6, 1908 today walked from the Delaware county court house a free women. After the jury had been out nearly 18 hours it brought in a verdict of not guilty in the case of each woman, both of whom had been charged separately and jointly with the shooting.

The British steamer Avonmore which was driven ashore near Lynn Haven Inlet in Lower Chesapeake Bay during the fierce storm of December 2nd was successfully floated by the wrecking tug Coley yesterday. She is believed to be uninjured and will proceed for New York after an examination.

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THE PERSONAL EQUATION.

It Plays a Very Large Part In Success In Business.

If you stop for a moment to analyze success in business you will see it comes through contact with people. It is all hinged upon the manner of your contact. On every side you are surrounded by a multitude of persons, in every one of whom there exists a potential force that may be exerted, at one time or another, to add to your success. The oftener you cause that force to be exerted the faster your business will grow. You can attract these individual forces if you choose and get the most from them, or you can repel them and suffer actual damage from having come in contact with them, or you may take a middle course, as many business men do, and drift along in a purely negative manner.

Looking at business in this light, it is apparent that the underlying element which contributes most to the success of any undertaking and to business in the aggregate is the art of finding the vital points of human contact that will set in motion these forces. The personal element must be stamped upon your business.—Edward Payson Hatch in System.

Panama Mosquitoes.

A visitor to the canal zone of Panama can have the privilege of an introduction to not less than eighty-three species of mosquitoes, thirty of them found nowhere else. Fortunately they do not all bite, and the contagion of yellow fever is carried by only one of them. Certain genera, technically called megarhinus, psorophora and lutzia, are found, which instead of spreading any disease hostile to men wage war on their weaker cousins and at times even on their brothers and sisters. The yellow fever mosquito, the only kind in America spreading this infection, scientifically called stegomyia, is very scarce. It is possible to live for weeks on the line of the canal without seeing a single specimen. This mosquito is a strictly domestic insect, never found away from man. It breeds only in artificial receptacles, such as barrels, water coolers, bottles and tin cans in and around human habitations.—Chicago News.

THE KINGMAKER.

Earl of Warwick, a Heroic Figure In English History.

The Earl of Warwick, commonly called the "kingmaker," from the faculty with which he created and deposed monarchs during the contest between the house of York and Lancaster, lived in style of magnificence and hospitality of which no period perhaps furnishes an example. No less than 30,000 persons are said to have lived at his board in the different manors and castles which he possessed, and the military, allured by his hospitality as well as his bravery, were strongly attached to his interests. This distinguished warrior fell at the battle of Barnet in 1471, when, owing to the mistake of one part of his army falling upon the other during a fog, he was defeated by Edward IV.

In former battles Warwick had always fought on horseback, that he might at once ride along the line and perceive the particulars of the action, but on this occasion he determined to fight on foot, that his soldiers might see that he was resolved to share with them the dangers of the day. After having exerted himself as an officer and a hero in fruitless attempts to turn the tide of fortune in his favor he rushed into the hottest part of the battle and fell covered with wounds. His brother, Montacute, in endeavoring to save him met a similar fate.

THE VOODOO IN HAITI.

Human Sacrifices to the God of the Serpent.

There is ample proof that human beings have been offered as sacrifices to the god of the serpent in Haiti. A French archbishop of the island describes a visit made by one of the priests to a voodoo assembly. The man had disguised himself as a negro, and he was thus able to mingle undetected with the crowd in the obscurity outside the sacred circle. After the white cock and white goat had been slain and offered up and their blood had been sprinkled on the company a burly young negro came forward and prostrated himself before the priestess. Then, still kneeling, he made his prayer:

"O maman, I have a favor to ask of thee."

"What is it, my son?" said the negress encouragingly.

"Wilt thou not give us, to complete the sacrifice, the goat without horns?"

The priestess gave a sign of assent. The crowd roundabout separated, and there was revealed a child sitting with its feet bound. The French priest rushed away in search of assistance in preventing the unholy rite, but the authorities on whom he called were strangely slothful. When finally, on the day following, they arrived at the place of assembly, they found the grewsome remains of a sacrifice and a feast, among them the boiled skull of the child.—Marvin Dana in Metropolitan Magazine.

When Men Hurry.

"Singular," said a man waiting for a train on an elevated railroad platform and looking down a street to where a hundred men and boys had gathered around two wagons that had come together in collision, "there are a hundred men standing around those two wagons, just standing there, gawping, apparently with nothing else to do and not in a bit of a hurry, but let any one of those men come up the stairs to this platform when there is a train coming in and he'd rush and hurry and tear himself apart to catch that train and get glum if he missed it, though he knew very well that there'd be another train here in a minute. Let him miss a train by a second and he thinks the world is coming to an end; let him see somebody hoisting a safe up the outside of a building and he will stop and waste half an hour.

"How do you account for that?"—New York Sun.

"Parceling Out de People."

Fishing, two boys strung their big catch on the same string. Passing a graveyard they entered the gate to divide the catch, dropping two fish just as they went inside the cemetery.

Passing, an aged negro heard the two boys: "I'll take this one, you that one; I this one, you that one; I this one, you that one," etc.

The negro listened in dismay and ran away as rapidly as his old legs could carry him. He met his negro minister, who called:

"Deacon, why you run in such terror?"

"Declare, parson, I been down yonder by de graveyard and over de fence heard de devil and de Lord parceling out de people atween 'em."

The parson laughed at the old man's fright and made him go back with him to the graveyard to convince him of his error.

The boys were still dividing—"You take that, I take this," etc. Finally one boy asked, "What you going to do with them two at the gate?"

This was more than parson or deacon could stand, and both ran pellmell neither wishing to take any further chances, no matter what was going on just over the fence.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers in The Morning Star, especially those using yearly contracts, are earnestly requested in future to furnish us with copy for their changes for the Sunday edition certainly not later than Saturday at one o'clock. Where large space is used, copy for changes should be furnished not later than Friday afternoon, this not only for the convenience of the office but because in handing in early copy, patrons receive a more artistic display of their announcements and fare much better as to position in the paper on the day that the advertisement appears. The Star would very much dislike to make any arbitrary ruling as to the lateness which advertisements would be received in change of copy, but the tendency with so many advertisers recently has been to put off the matter until the latest moment Saturdays and Saturday nights that it has been impossible to give them the care and attention which patrons have a right to expect and several times changes have had to be deferred altogether. We believe that this notice will be sufficient with most advertisers to assist us in the present dilemma of an overrun of changes on Saturday, especial-

Gave It Up.

A friend of the writer recently made application for a public appointment in a small Scottish town, and, thinking that his chances of success would be greater by a little judicious canvassing, he resolved to call upon a few of the town councilors, in whose hands the appointment lay. Of the civic dignitaries' position in private life he knew nothing. Journeying to the town in question, he hired a cab at the railway station and requested the jehu to take him to Councilor Bisset's, the treasurer. The councilor was found in his blacksmith's shop shoeing a horse.

"I'll see somebody of more importance than this, anyhow," said the candidate to himself, and, turning to the driver, he said, "Drive me to Councilor Maitland's office."

The cabman thereupon drove him to the local joiner's shop. This was worse even than the smithy, and in despair he ejaculated:

"Drive me to Councilor Gray's."

"I am Councilor Gray, sir," replied the cabman.

The answer staggered the candidate. He quietly paid his fare and disappeared, resolved to leave his fate in their hands without prejudicing them in any way in his favor. — London Standard.

Explosive Diamonds.

A curious fact about diamonds is that it is not uncommon for the crystals to explode as soon as they are brought up from the mine. Sometimes they have burst in the pockets or the warm hands of miners, due to the effect of increased temperature. Large stones are more likely to do this than small ones. Valuable stones have been destroyed in this way. To safeguard them some dealers place large diamonds in raw potatoes for safe transport from South Africa.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. 'Phone the Star office, No. 51.

Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

MR. B. L. FINNEY, the Southern Representative of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews, will address a meeting for men in St. James parish-house Friday evening, January 8th, at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation to hear him is extended to all. ja 8-1t.

WANTED SALESMAN—A good clean-cut man 25 years of age or over, with appearance and personality, which will enable him to meet the best class of people. A future for the right man. Inquire Room No. 70, The Orton, between 10 and 12 A. M., or 7 and 9 P. M. ja 8-1t*

WANTED—A position as bookkeeper and stenographer by a young lady with experience. Good reference. Address "Stenographer" care of Star. ja 8-3t*

A BARGAIN—No. 912 North Fourth street between Bladen and Harnett. Facing thirty-three (33) feet on Fourth street, by half block deep, containing six-room house. Elegant location for home, business stand or renting property. Can be bought very reasonable—easy terms. You had best investigate today. J. G. Wright & Son are the agents. No. 124 Princess street. ja 8-3t.

FIVE HUNDRED CORDS nice slabs 50 cents per load, cash, on our yard. Hilton Lumber Co. 'Phone 321. ja 8-3t.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

WANTED—Two first-class barbers at once, Orton Hotel, Wilmington, N. C. Address T. E. Skipper. ja 7-2t*

DOG LOST—Black and tan, answers to name of "Rex." Reward given if returned to J. H. Rehder, Eighth and Market streets. ja 6-3t.

ELEGANT Station Wagon, silver-trimmed harness, very gentle family horse, must be sold quick. Will sell separate if desired. Apply Davis stables. ja 6-3t.

FOR SALS—A 7 room house, lot 33 by 165, house in good condition and one of the best built in the city, good cistern water at No. 713 South Third street. Cheap for cash. jan 5 tf

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT—By investing in attractive real estate. We have fine building sites on Carolina Place, St. James' Square and elsewhere and improved property on Market street. Smith & Lord, Real Estate & Insurance, 114 Princess street, 'phone 766. ja 1-tf

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

PHOTOGRAPHS and enlargements of every description, done in an artistic and permanent manner. The U. C. Ellis Studio. de 31-tf.

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying. Angola Lumber Co. aug 30 tf

FOR SALE—One sorrel horse, weighing 1,400 pounds, 7 years old; well broke, kind and gentle, sound in every way. Will sell or exchange for two smaller horses. This horse too large for our purpose. Address C. M. Faircloth, Clinton, N. C. dec 11 4w

TO MY FRIENDS—I have opened at No. 16 North Second street, a wholesale and retail commission business. Consignments of chickens, eggs and all country produce handled, highest market prices and prompt returns. C. B. Bellois, Wilmington, N. C. jan. 3 1m

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets; junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Steam heat, electric light and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. oct 25 tf

FOR RENT—Store and warehouse 108 North Water street, at present occupied by J. S. Funchess & Co. Possession given at once. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. au 5 su-we-fri-tf.

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, NOTARY PUBLIC—Expert work of any kind, anywhere, any time. Court reporting, depositions, medical papers. Notarial work. Meares Harriss, 114 Princess street. Phone 708; residence phone 546. sep 2 eod

WANTED—Salesmen of ability and best appearance to call on all merchants in their territory; elegant safe line, convenient to carry; good commissions; prompt remittance. Belmont Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. dec 13 16 t sun*

TO MY FRIENDS.

I have combined my interest with that of The Wilmington Grocery Company, where, with a large, well selected stock of high grade and staple groceries, I will be better prepared to serve my customers than ever before.

With grateful appreciation for the liberal patronage of the past, I respectfully solicit the continued support of my customers in the future.

J. HARGROVE TAYLOR,
At The Wilmington Grocery Company
ja 3-tf.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of William Sherman, Sr., of Bladen county, on the 21st day of December, 1908, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of the said William Sherman, Sr., to make immediate payment and settlement; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them for payment within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

This 29th day of December, 1908.

JOHN F. CROOM, Executor.
Colly, N. C.
1-a-w-6-w.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

"The Store That's Always Busy."

FILL YOUR WARDROBE NOW

¶You can now fill your wardrobe and save money. We have reduced prices in every department. You can buy what you want to finish out this winter and for early wear next winter. Our original prices are always only what goods are worth; our reductions save you money. It will pay you to buy now and fill your wardrobe full.

One-Fourth Off

You can see a well selected stock of Ladies' Cloaks and Jackets in our store. The price has been cut. You may deduct 25 per cent. from any garment in our store. Now is your chance to get a Cloak for everyday or evening wear cheap.

Coque Feather Boas, in All Shades.

3-stand, worth $5.00, closing out price only, each.....$2.50
Fine full Feather Boas, sold for $3.00, closing out price only, each...$1.50

FURS! FURS! FURS!

You may take any fur, scarf or Muff in our establishment with 20 per cent. off the regular price.

Reduced prices on blankets and comforts.—A saving of 10 to 25 per cent. awaits you in this department. On account of extreme low prices made in the above departments, we must insist on the cash. **The C. W. Polvogt Co.**

Fancy Ripe Tomatoes

New Beets, Radishes and all seasonable Vegetables. Oranges, Tangerines and Apples. Lamb, Veal, Beef and Pork. Fancy Dressed Chickens and Turkeys at the

Palace Market
Phone 72.
jan 6 tf

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Fayetteville Observer: Mr. Festus Beasley, who was recently arrested charged with running a moonshine still, was tried before 'Squire Overby today and bound over to Court in the sum of $200, which he gave.

—Greensboro Telegram: The semi-annual meeting of the board of directors of the North Carolina Railroad Company was held at the Benbow yesterday morning. Reports from committees were received and the usual semi-annual dividend of 3 1-2 per cent. was declared.

—Charlotte Chronicle: The temporary annual death rate per 1,000 in Asheville, last November, according to the mortuary report in The Bulletin of the North Carolina Board of Health, was 11.4. In Charlotte it was 11.6; Durham 16.5; Fayetteville 18; Lenoir 12; Raleigh 20.6; Salisbury 16.4; Wilmington 14.4.

—Newbern Journal: The good weather has been favorable for early plowing and cleaning up on the farms, and that work seems to be further advanced for the season than unsual. The oat crop looks promising now, although it had to be replanted in some places. Cabbage is all set and has begun to grow.

—Statesville Landmark: The Rockingham, a new hotel which is nearing completion at Rockingham, Richmond county, has been leased to Mr. Jas. C. Gray, formerly of Statesville. Mr. Gray was until recently a clerk at the Central Hotel in Charlotte and is now with the Congress Hall, Washington. He is a son of the late John W. Gray, who was for so long in the hotel business in Statesville.

—Gaston News: Mr. and Mrs. William Franklin Long have separated after a married life of eight days. The wife has returned to her own home. She was Miss Roxy Christine and she and her husband married after one day's acquaintance. The immediate domestic trouble arose over the cooking of 'possum. Mr. Long bought a 'possum up town the other day and took it home and Mrs. Long refused to dress and cook the marsupial, and left her new home.

—Asheville Citizen: It is stated that Joseph Lance, sentenced to nine years in the State prison for the killing of Alma Green, on the 23d, of December, 1907, will not await the coming of the Supreme Court's mandate which directs the carrying out of the sentence of the Superior Court, but has gone to Raleigh to begin his term. Lance is the man who fired from a car window, killing the girl, and in being sentenced to the penitentiary he got off light.

—Shelby Star: Safe-blowers were busy Saturday night in upper Cleveland, the stores of the Banner Mill Company, of Beam's Mill, Stamey Bros., and W. A. Gantt, of Fallston, being entered, the safes blown open and rifled of their contents. The burglars secured from the Banner Mills Company, $110 in cash; from Stamey Bros., $25, and from W. A. Gantt, $2. There is no clue to the identity of the cracksmen, but the work was evidently that of professionals as each of the safes was skillfully blown open and relieved of their contents.

—Monroe Journal: Dr. Gil Wylie, of New York, the man who originated the great work of the power development on the Catawba, and Mr. W. S. Lee, of Charlotte, manager of the Southern Power Company, and Mr. Milhow, the engineer, spent some time in Monroe last Wednesday, looking over the field with a view of selecting a location for the plant from which electric power will be distributed to Monroe. It is now certain that the power will be delivered here in a few months, which is big news for Monroe.

—Rocky Mount Record: With the completion of their contract on Jan. 1 with the railroad authorities the State refused to make another contract for the letting out of the State prisoners on railroad work and the camp of about 75 that have been stationed about two and a half miles north of the city have been busy for the past several days getting ready to move, and the entire force was moved on Monday to Raleigh. Much of the grading for the double tracking was completed, though there still remains a goodly amount undone.

—Newbern Journal: In answer to an attack made by him upon the board of county commisisoners, charging that jurors were improperly drawn, Rev. Ham was invited to attend yesterday and see the manner in which a jury was drawn, according to law. He acknowledged that the drawing appeared to be fair and impartial and that his information to the contrary he thought, had been incorrect. The commissioners treated him with all courtesy, although considering the high character of the members, the criticism seemed harsh and uncalled for.

—Greensboro, Jan. 6.—Joseph C. Brown, a colored railway mail clerk, running on Southern Railway trains No. 37 and No. 38 between Greensboro and Washington, is in jail here under a charge of rifling letters containing money. He was placed under arrest upon the delayed arrival of southbound train No. 37 shortly after noon today and was given preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner J. M. Wolfe this afternoon. After hearing a statement by Postoffice Inspector James R. Robertson, Commisioner Wolfe held the defendant for the April term of United States District Court under a bond of $1,000 in default of which he was committed to jail. Brown has been under suspicion by the postal authorities for some time, and yesterday Inspectors Robertson and Marles mailed three decoy letters from Washington. The letters were despatched on train No. 37, and when arrested here today they were found on Brown's person.

BIENNIAL MESSAGE

(Continued From Page Three.)

this department, which has in hand the important work also of immigration, so vitally affecting the highest interest and development of the farming classes.

The State Prison.

No State institution has been more creditably conducted. For eight years it has been not only self-supporting but has made thousands of dollars to help bear the general expenses of the State. The Governor asks that the finances of the institution be directed as the report recommends. The report of Supt. Mann is commended and a part of it was read in connection with the regular message. Referring to the Superintendent's recommendation for a change in the method of working county convicts, placing them all under the direction of the State prison, the Governor says:

"At first, some who desire county control will object, but after careful examination they will see that, for efficient and cheap work, for humane treatment, free from scandal, and for economic reasons, State and not county control should be at once adopted. Owing to the fact that all able-bodied men not convicted of aggravated offenses go to the chain gangs of the counties, and very few, except women, long-term prisoners and weaklings, come to the State Prison, very soon this institution under any administration, will become a charge on the State, while by adopting the plan suggested the prison will be self-sustaining and yielding a reserve, the counties get cheaper and better road building, the convicts be treated more humanely, in that they can be better fed, housed and looked after when sick, and all danger of scandals, such as have disgraced some of our sister States, averted."

Other Departments.

The work of the Jamestown Exposition commission is commended and high tribute is paid to the State Geological Survey as an agency for conserving our natural resources, the report of Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt being recommended to the careful consideration of the Assembly.

The State National Guard is reported in good condition—not perfect, and subject, of course, to some just criticism, as all militia are; still, all connected with it as long as he has been, the Governor says, know that its equipment, discipline, soldierly bearing and general condition is far in advance of its previous standing. Now that larger National appropriations are available, things are expected to move along more smoothly for the State's highest protection. The companies have responded in emergencies in every instance promptly and cheerfully and conducted themselves as soldiers and Carolinians. The personnel of the Guard is of a high type, and the State may rest assured that if at any time danger should threaten, they have a military organization ready and prepared to protect their interests and, if need be, like their forefathers, die in defending the State's honor and good name.

The Assembly is admonished to do all in its power for the veterans and to grant the small increase asked for the Soldiers' Home.

All the State educational institutions and the institute for the blind, deaf and dumb are presented to the thoughtful consideration of the Legislature and the appropriations asked are all regarded as meritorious. The Governor pleads for $50,000 to complete the magnificent Eastern Training School at Greenville, N. C. and $25,000 for maitenance, thus giving to the State for $65,000 property worth over $200,000 and he also asks for another building in which to conduct the affairs of State at Raleigh and to preserve valuable records now scattered everywhere.

With all these appropriations calling urgently for recognition, the Governor says that there is only one way to meet the emergency and that is to issue enough bonds to accomplish what is necessary to be done. He recognizes that there will be opposition to such a course, but he argues that the emergency is immediate and with the State now practically out of debt, it would be the poorest business policy not to provide the means of accomplishing things so greatly desired and that would make so far the upbuilding of the State. He recommends a wise business committee to investigate what is necessary, ascertain, the amount required and then, if the amount from taxes is not sufficient, issue enough bonds to do what is necessary. Just now wise statesmen are needed to look at these things as they are and then have the courage to carry out what they deem to be right; and when this is done, the Governor feels that all patriotic people, regardless of party affiliation, will approve the course.

Trusts and Monopolies.

Result of recent cases before the Supreme Court of Missouri, the message says, shows that unlawful combinations and trusts can be controlled, even to the extent of driving them out of a State. Co-operation among men is right and proper and over half the business of the country is legitimately done by corporations, joint stock companies and such like combinations and these are sometimes confused with monopolies and trusts and yet they are vastly different, the former are legal and should be encouraged; the latter are illegal and should not be tolerated. The Assembly is asked to examine every corporation or concern doing business in the State and if they are found engaged in crushing competition, unlawfully lowering or raising prices or in any other manner monopolizing trade, they should be controlled or driven from the State as they were in Missouri. Every business concern should be willing to live and let live and if one becomes so grasping as to try to destroy others, then it should find out that the law is stronger than its greed and that it has to let others live and itself die.

An increase of $10,000 per year for two years for the reformatory is urged and the Governor urges the necessity of trying to prevent those evils that make vagrants and criminals of boys and girls, thus filling the jails and reformatories. Dens of iniquity and vice may be found on every hand. Cigarette fiends, opium eaters, cocaine victims, whiskey and beer drinkers, soda-fountain frequenters and many others who are taking drugs, opiates, stimulants and nerve tonics are becoming nervous wrecks, moral degenerates, criminal and insane and should be stopped. He recommends rigid inspection of drug stores, soda fountains and other places where such things are sold. Honest dealers will not object and those who object will be found violators of the law and should be arrested and punished.

Under the sub-division "Morals," the Governor says:

"In the early part of my administration three lynchings occurred, and these were on account of horrible murders and not for the usual offense. In every way possible I have tried, where great outrages were committed, to have speedy trials, thus showing the people of the community that the law would be enforced without delay, and that there was no need of their taking so-called justice into their own hands. My efforts have been aided by all good citizens, and law and order have prevailed all over the State.

"The last General Assembly submitted the question of State prohibition to the people, and so great was the temperance sentiment that it was ratified by over forty-four thousand majority. In my judgment, the law is ample to prohibit the sale and manufacture of strong drink in the State, and, unless there is some defect in the machinery, I would advise no further legislation. But I do urge and call on all good citizens to see that the law thus passed by the people shall be enforced and all persons violating it severely punished. The law is entitled to a fair trial, and the people intend to see that it has it, and, in my opinion, when tested, it will prove of such great pecuniary and moral benefit to the State that no power can ever induce the people to return to the curse of whiskey selling. It stands to reason that when we drink our money is wasted, and the less we spend on such things the more we have for business. I ask the incoming administration and your honorable body to do all you can to have this law ratified by the people properly enforced, and when this is done no one will ever want to see the evil days of the saloon return."

Discussing constitutional amendments, the Governor says:

"Having given my views as to the laws needed to be enacted, I will suggest to the General Assembly that it submit to the people the following constitutional amendments:

"First. Give the Governor the veto power. North Carolina and Rhode Island, I am informed, are the only States in the Union where this power is denied the Governor. If the Governor abuses the power, two-thirds of the members of the Legislature can pass the law over his veto, while having the right to veto often prevents unwise and ill-advised laws from being passed. With the veto power the Executive acts as a check on the Legislature, and the legislative branch on the Executive, and thus the people are protected.

"Second. Let all State, county, township and municipal officers be elected for four years instead of two.

"Third. Let the General Assembly only meet once in four years, unless for some extraordinary purpose it is called in extra session by the Governor, with the approval of the Council of State; then let the session be ninety days, with no bills allowed to be introduced the last fifteen days, except by unanimous consent. This has worked well in Canada and other countries.

"We now have too frequent elections. We are scarcely over the excitement of one before we are in the midst of another, and one Legislature scarcely puts laws on the statute book before the next repeals or amends them. We need but remember the excitement through which we have just passed during the last primary and election to see how business is disturbed and even interrupted by allowing too frequent campaigns.

Recapitulation.

"And now, having suggested three constitutional amendments which I believe will add to the State's welfare and best interest, I desire to repeal and emphasize the provisions that I think you should enact into laws:

"First. Increase the Governor's and Commissioner of Labor's salaries.

"Second. Equalize taxation by adopting a better mode of assessing both real and personal property.

"Third. Pass a legalized primary law and amend the election law.

"Fourth. Amend our criminal procedure by putting Solicitors on salaries, dividing the State into two judicial circuits, appointing recorders or trial justices to try misdemeanors, thus relieving the Superior Courts, and have executions in capital cases take place at the State Prison and by electrocution.

"Fifth. To avoid inhumanity, scandal and to institute a more effective system of working convicts, thus making the State Prison self-sustaining, place all convicts under the management of the State authorities, though still to work the roads of the various counties desiring such labor. (See Superintendent Mann's suggestion.)

Sixth. Restore the former powers of the Corporation Commission and even give it more power with contempt proceedings to enforce its orders.

"Seventh. Strengthen the Reformatory already established, and yet pass such laws as will prevent the terrible practices that render such institutions a necessity.

"Eighth. Provide a suitable and sufficient administration building, thus protecting valuable records and papers, and also giving needed room in which the various departments can transact their business and be better equiped to render more efficient service.

"Ninth. Pass all laws necessary to protect our forests, insure the building of good roads and better govern and control our fish and oyster industries.

"Tenth. Either adopt a policy of going forward or of standing still, if you believe in letting well enough alone, but if you decide that we shall go forward, thus keeping up with the times and other States, pass such appropriations as will enlarge and better equip all our State institutions, so as to make them in every respect suitable for the work required and large enough for the numbers demanding admittance, and do this, even though necessary to have a bond issue to meet the necessary demands.

"And now, in conclusion, let me say that, four years ago, with trepidation, but with love, I took upon myself the administration of the affairs of this great Commonwealth. That I have made mistakes no one will more readily admit than I, but that I have tried to do my duty as God gave me to see the light, I believe that even those honestly differing with me will admit.

"I had no personal ambition to promote, and, knowing no condition, color or creed among the people, but desiring to be the Governor of all and not any particular class or party, I have acted solely for what I deemed would best upbuild the State's highest interest. I know some have criticised me because often out of my office, but I had competent assistants in charge, who could attend to routine duties as well or better than I, and I was always in call in case my presence was needed. So, as the people could not visit me, I have gone amongst them, finding out their wants and necessities, and thus being better able to intelligently lay before you what is best for their interest. At home I have tried to encourage our farmers to take more pride in their work and to more economically and efficiently perform their duties; have encouraged every form of industrial development; tried to stimulate our youth in their desire for a thorough and practical education, thus making them better and more worthy citizens, and also endeavoring to inculcate higher ideals and noble aspirations along moral lines, thus lessening crime and encouraging thrift and industry.

"Abroad I have attempted to advertise our great resources and to tell the world what splendid people live in our State; and so today, at the close of my administration, in spite of this criticism, modestly but boldly I say I have no apology to make angain, if my strength would permit, I would do more, not less, of such work, for it has borne fruit, and the people know and approve it.

"To those who have assisted me—and no one ever had better counsellors and advisers—I owe a debt of love and gratitude that I can never repay, and I leave them all with sincere regret and best wishes.

"For the incoming Governor and his administration I ask of you the same kindness and assistance that has been given me by previous Legislatures, and I know that you will uphold him in every move that he makes for the State's welfare.

"Though retiring from office, I can never forget what the people have done for me. I deeply appreciate the high honor they have bestowed upon me, and to your honorable body and the incoming administration I, as a private citizen, tender my hearty co-operation in all things that may advance the material, educational and moral welfare of our people.

"The work that I have now chosen will give me even a greater opportunity than I have had as Governor to tell of North Carolina's achievements and possibilities and the grandeur and strength of its people, and to do this will be to me a labor of pride and love. The words of Gaston's State hymn,

'Carolina, Carolina, Heaven's blessings attend her,
While we live we will cherish, protect and defend her.'

have always been an inspiration to me; and now, as never before, realizing as I do what a great State and good people we have, I will take this hymn as a guide to me in my life's work, and 'my heart will swell with gladness whenever I name her.'

"Fresh from the people and knowing their wants, conservatively, but boldly, I know you will do your duty, enacting such laws as will elevate and make the State better, and preventing the passage of all measures that degrade morals and make the people worse.

"Hoping that your stay in our Capital City may be pleasant to you and profitable to the State, and extending to every member my kindest regards and best wishes I bid you God speed in your labors, and ask the richest blessings of heaven on all that you may accomplish for the State's betterment and prosperity.

"Respectfully,
"R. B. GLENN,
"Governor."

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The National Cash Register Co.
23 Garrell Building,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
jan 6 1m

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE
In Effect, Saturday, October 10, 1908
TO
THE BEACH

FROM WILMINGTON.
WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00 4:30, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.
WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 11:00 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE
WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:20 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30 11:30 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:50 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH
WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

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TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO
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NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington ..	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:53 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount...	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon.....	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg....	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington....	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore.....	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia...	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York.....	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 49.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia ...	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
Ar Washington	3:46 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:35 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon.....	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount ..	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson.....	11:47 pm	1:58 pm
Ar Goldsboro.....	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington ...	9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor..	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n..	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'ville		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa.....	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville...	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah.....	1:06 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston.....	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia.....	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington.....	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington..	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville.	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford.....	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington..	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern ...	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

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TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n...	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb't'n...	7:11 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton....	7:52 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet....	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet....	9:05 A. M.	8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe....	10:50 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte....	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 7.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, steady, 39c.

ROSIN—Market, nothing doing.

barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, firm $1.75.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market, firm $2.00 per barrel for hard; $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine steady 47; rosin quiet $2.70; tar, nothing doing; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	3
Rosin	155
Tar	58
Crude Turpentine	9

Receipts, same day last year, 5 casks spirits turpentine; 58 barrels rosin; 143 barrels tar; (—) barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 3-4 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, 10 13-15c.

Receipts—488 bales, same day last year 1,203 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, January 2nd.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish 90@95c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c; shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr. flint, 9; green, dull 7c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 12c.

GEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c for small pork.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 7.—The cotton market was steady closing at an advance 5 points higher. Sales were estimated at 175,000 bales. The market opened at an advance of 2 to 4 points and sold 3 to 4 points net higher right after the opening on a renewal of yesterday's buying movement, which was encouraged by steady Liverpool cables, report of a further improvement in domestic dry goods circles and talk of decreasing interior receipts. The advance carried March and May up to 9.06 or a couple of points above the previous high point of the movement and at this level there seemed to be considerable realizing, while the absence of bulls promoted pressure from local bears. The market sold off to a net loss of about 1 to 3 points in consequence, but January was relatively firm and later the near months steadied up on covering and local bull support. There was very little business in January but there is some talk that a considerable short interest is still outstanding in that position.

Exports are running full and engagements for the current months are said to be heavy.

Receipts at the ports today were 47,315 bales, against 89,825 last week and 50,992 last year; for the week 240,000 bales against 290,762 last week and 303,945 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 10,058 bales against 14,594 last year and at Houston 8,019 bales against 7,946 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 9.25; middling gulf 9.50; sales 2,000 bales. Futures opened steady and closed steady.

Month	Open	Close
January	8.98	8.99
February	—	8.99
March	9.03	9.01
April	—	8.97
May	9.05	9.00
June	—	8.93
July	8.98	8.93
August	—	8.84
September	—	8.69
October	8.70	8.63
November	—	8.60
December	8.67-68	8.60

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Steady, 9.00; net receipts 13,859; stock 141,577.

New Orleans—Steady, 8 15-16; net receipts 10,058; stock 350,413.

Mobile—Steady, 9.00; net receipts 1,064; stock 68,922.

Savannah—Steady, 8 13-16; net receipts 5,366; stock 159,881.

Charleston—Quiet, 5 3-4; net receipts 72; stock 16,818.

Wilmington—Quiet, 8 3-4; net receipts 485; stock 18,159.

Norfolk—Firm, 9.00; net receipts 1,732; stock 31,096.

Baltimore—Nominal, 9 1-8; stock 29,350.

New York—Quiet, 9.25; stock 138,173.

Boston—Quiet, 9.25, net receipts 210.

Philadelphia—Steady, 9.50; net receipts 25; stock 679.

Total today, at all ports, Net 47,315; Great Britain 12,002; Continent 48,895; Japan 6,644; Stock 1,009,805.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 208,512; Great Britain 99,955; France 16,146; Continent 92,534; Japan 6,644; Mexico 200.

Total since Sept. 1st, at all ports, Net 6,557,685; Great Britain 2,056,187; France 641,767; Continent 2,064,740; Japan 84,283; Mexico 4,303.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Houston—Steady, 9.00; net receipts 8,019; stock 147,445.

Augusta—Steady, 9 1-4; net receipts 305; stock 100,759.

Memphis—Steady, 9 1-16; net receipts 1,782; stock 193,582.

St. Louis—Steady, 9 1-8; net receipts 859; stock 43,249.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 444; stock 18,232.

Louisville—Firm, 9 1-8.

Little Rock—Steady, 8 3-4; net receipts 719; stock 445,681.

Total today—Net receipts 12,128; gross receips 13,859; shipments 20,381; sales 5,193; stock 548,948.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Jan. 7.—Spot cotton good business done, prices one point lower. American middling fair 5.60; good middling 5.24; midling 5.04; low middling 4.82; good ordinary 4.31; ordinary 3.91. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 10,800 American. Receipts 1,000 bales, all American.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet. January 4.86; January and February 4.84 1-2; February and March 4.83 1-2; March and April 4.82 1-2; April and May 4.82; May and June 4.81; June and July 4.81; July and August 4.80 1-2; August and September 4.72; September and October 4.66 1-2; October and November 4.62; November and December 4.61; December and January 4.60; January and February 4.59 1-2.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 7.—The advance sale of fancy overcoating, jerseys and other heavy weight fabrics for fall has been very gratifying to date in the large houses. Fall suitings will probably be shown next week. Further sales of cotton goods for China shipment were made during the day and the volume taken on the present movement to date is 15,000 bales. A moderate demand is reported for print cloths and convertibles and prices are hardening. The jobbers are doing a better trade on dress goods, wash fabrics, prints and other spring merchandise.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 7.—The most significant events of today from a financial standpoint were occurring outside the Stock Exchange, and the volume of business done on the floor of the exchange shrank materially until the spurt of activity which accompanied the buoyant rise late in the day. The shorts were not encouraged to renew their aggressive attack on values by any such weakening factor as were the break in New York Central yesterday and in Consolidated Gas the day before. These two stocks gave substantial evidence of relief of the selling pressure and their strong recovery was a great help by sympathy to the rest of the market. A strong sentimental influence was exerted also by the advance in United States Steel which was due to speculative inferences drawn from the offer by the directors of their common stock to employes at $50 per share in pursuance of the profit sharing plan.

The number of new bond issues and sales was the feature of the day's financial news. These included in this market a public offering of $17,500,000 Denver and Rio Grande bonds, the sale to bankers of $10,000,000 of New York city revenue bonds and of $8,000,000 Chicago & Alton bonds and various smaller transactions of a like sort.

United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales were 930,000 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 7.—Money on call easy, 2 to 2 1-4 per cent., ruling rate 2 1-4, closing bid 1, offered at 1 1-4. Time loans dull and easy, sixty days 2 3-4 per cent., and ninety days 2 3-4 to 3 per cent., six months 3 1-2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3 3-4 to 4 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers gills at 4.8490 to 4.85 for sixty day bills and at 4.8695 for demand; commercial bills 4.84 3-4 to 4.84 7-8. Bar silver 51 1-2. Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	103
U. S. refunding 2s cou	103
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg	119 1-2
U. S. 4s cou	120 1-2
Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s	107
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	95 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	100 5-8
L. & N. Unified 4s	100 1-8
Seaboard Air Line 4s off'd	65
Southern Railway 5s	106 1-2
U. S. Steel 5s	102 3-4

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper	84 1-2
Amr. Car & Foundry	49 7-8
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd	108
Amr. Cotton Oil Co.	43
Amr. Locomotive	57 3-4
Amr. Smelting & Ref	89
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	104
Amr. Sugar Refining	129
Amr. Tobacco pfd	93
Atchison	100 3-4
Atchison pfd	101 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line	109 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio	111 3-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	93
Chesapeake & Ohio	57 3-4
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	150 1-2
Colorado & Southern	65
Erie	32 1-2
Erie 1st pfd	49 1-4
Erie 2nd pfd	38 1-2
Great Northern pfd	146 5-8
Kansas City Southern	40
Kansas City Southern pfd	70 7-8
L. & N.	125 1-2
Norfolk & Western	86 3-8
Northern Pacific	142
Pennsylvania	134
People's Gas	103 3-4
Reading	141 1-8
Rock Island Co	24 7-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	60 3-4
Southern Pacific	119 1-2
Southern Pacific pfd	120 7-8
Southern Railway	26 1-8
Southern Railway pfd	61
Standard Oil Co.	—
Union Pacific	181 3-8
U. S. Steel	53 3-8
U. S. Steel pfd	113 1-8
Va.-Car. Chemical	43 1-2
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	113
Western Union	68
Westinghouse Electric Co.	85

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 7.—Flour dull but steady.

Rye Flour—Steady.

Buckwheat Flour—Quiet.

Buckwheat—Steady.

Corn Meal—Firm.

Rye—Dull.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2, red 1.07 7-8 to 1.08 5-8 elevator. Options 1-8c net decline. May 1.10 7-8; July 1.05 1-8

Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 68 elevator. Options 3-8c net higher. May 68 5-8; July 68 7-8; September 67 5-8.

Oats—Quiet; mixed 54 54 1-2.

Lard—Steady.

Pork—Steady.

Tallow—Steady.

Rice and Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw firm; refining 3.23.

Coffee—Firm; No. 7, 7 1-4; Santos No. 4, 8 1-8 to 8 3-8. Mild dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures closed steady net unchanged.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Firm; state full creamery specials 14 1-2 to 15 1-2; do September fancy 14 1-4; (official price 14.)

Eggs—Firm; state, Pennsylvania and nearby brown and mixed fancy 35 to 36; do fair to choice 32 to 34.

Peanuts and Freights—Quiet unchanged.

Potatoes and Cabbages—Steady, unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil was active and higher on lighter crude offerings and speculative buying of the latter months. Prime crude 31 to 31 1-2; prime summer yellow 39 1-2 to 40; off summer yellow 38 1-2 to 39 1-2; good off summer yellow 39 to 39 1-2; prime white 41 to 41 3-4; prime winter yellow 44 to 47.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Jan. 7.—After a choppy session, characterized by considerable dullness, the wheat market here today closed easy with prices a shade to 3-8c below the closing quotations of the previous day. Corn and oats closed firm and provisions steady.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
May	1 07 3-4	1 08 1-8	1 07 5-8
July	98 3-4	98 7-8	98 1-4
Sept	94 3-4	94 7-8	94 1-4
Corn—			
May	61 3-4	62	61 3-4
July	62	62 1-4	62
Sept	62 1-4	62 3-8	62 1-8
Oats—			
May	51 3-4	51 7-8	51 3-4
July	46 3-8	46 1-2	46 1-2
Sept	39 3-8	39 1-2	39 3-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	16 47 1-2	16 47 1-2	16 42 1-2
May	16 72 1-2	16 75	16 67 1-2
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	9 50	9 50	9 47 1-2
May	9 72 1-2	9 75	9 72 1-2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	8 45	8 45	8 45
May	8 80	8 80	8 75

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady; No. 2 spring wheat 1.07 1-2 to 1.09; No. 3 1.00 to 1.07 1-2; No. 2 red 1.05 7-8 to 1.06 1-2; No. 2 corn 59 1-4 to 1-2; No. 2 yellow 59 1-2 to 2.60; oats, No. 3 white 49 1-2 to 51 1-2; No. 2 rye 74 1-2; good feeding barley 60 1-2 to 61 1-2; fair to choice malting 62 1-2 to 65; No. 1 northwestern 1.56; prime timothy seed 4.00; clover, contract grades 9.35; short Ribs, sides (loose) 8.00 to 8.50; mess pork, per bbl. 16.45 to 16.50; lard, per 100 lbs 9.47 1-2; short clear sides (boxed) 8.50 to 8.75.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 7.—Rosin steady. Turpentine firm at 43 1-2.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 7.—Turpentine firm 40 1-2; sales 294; receipts 257; shipments 253.

Rosin firm; sales 3,106; receipts 2,743; shipments 1,450; stock 170,346. Quote: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. 3.05; H, 3.40; I, 4.15; K, 5.10; M, 5.80; N, 6.15; WG, 6.40; WW, 6.50.

Charleston, Jan. 7.—Turpentine quiet 38 3-4 to 39.

Rosin quiet. Quote: A. B. C. D. E. F, 2.92 1-2.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Str. Navahoe, Hale, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

Str. Duplin, Stokes, Smith's Bridge J. A. Munn.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 7, 1909.

C. C. Railroad—92 bales cotton; 5 casks spirits turpentine; 41 barrels rosin; 12 barrels tar

W. & W. Railroad—162 bales cotton.

W. C. & A. Railroad—234 bales cotton; 5 barrels tar; 9 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—23 bales cotton; 6 casks spirits turpentine; 8 barrels tar.

Str. Alice—4 casks spirits turpentine 30 barrels rosin.

Str. City of Fayetteville—19 bales cotton; 104 barrels rosin; 55 barrels tar.

Total—485 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 155 barrels rosin; 58 barrels tar; 9 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Str. Cardigan (Br.) 2,689 tons, Davis, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Manchester Port (Br.) 2,662 tons, Robertson, Heide & Co.

Iris, (Belg.) 1,796 tons, Sytor, U. M. Robinson, agent.

Schooners.

Horace P. Shares, 392 tons, Flynn C. D. Maffitt.

Millie R. Bohannan, 570 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.

Ada F. Brown, 1,294 tons, Wallace, C. D. Maffitt.

Joel F. Sheppard, 493 tons, Sheppard, C. D. Maffitt.

John H. May, 319 tons, Stille, C. D. Maffitt.

Kineo, 1,867 tons, Patton, C. D. Maffitt.

Rothesay, (Br.) 280 tons, Phipps, C. D. Maffitt.

Augustus Welt, 1,111 tons, Sproul, C. D. Maffitt.

—Charlotte Chronicle: The police of the city are today eagerly at work to try to locate valuable property stolen late last night from the baggage car filled with costumes and belongings owned by the company appearing in the Academy of Music last night in the production of "The Raven," based on the life and love affairs of Edgar Allen Poe. The losses fall directly upon Miss Julia Ashton, leading lady in the cast and it was stated by the management of the company that the figures would reach $1,000 or more. The loss includes, among other things, a $250 Paris gown, a diamond pin worth that much or more, together with other diamonds and all sorts of fine and fancy necessaries in the dual role played by Miss Ashton.

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MR. ROOSEVELT AND THE HOUSE

Report of The Special Committee on The Secret Service Matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE

Tabling of That Part of Annual Message and of Message of Jan. 4th, as Disrespectful and Interfering With the House.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—As disrespectful and unresponsive to the inquiry of the House, the Perkins Committee, when it reports tomorrow, will recommend that President Roosevelt's secret service message of January 4th be laid on the table. A similar request will be made for the tabling of that portion of the President's annual message relating to the secret service on the ground that it reflects upon the integrity of the members of the House.

The special committee concluded its consideration of the message today and drafted its report which will be presented by Representative Perkins, of New York. The unusual and extreme course advised by the committee—that of declining to consider any communication from any source which in the judgment of the House is not respectful—is likely to create a sensation when it is read.

The report of the committee will include the paragraph of the President's annual message which refers to the secret service and suggests that the reason Congress restricted its use was because members of Congress themselves did not wish to be investigated.

This will be followed by an excerpt from the message of January 4th in response to the request made by the House for an explanation of the language used by the President, which had been interpreted by the House as a reflection on the integrity of its membership.

After setting forth the statement of the President that the House had failed to understand his message, the report of the special committee will say that the language itself will be judged according to the accepted interpretations of the English language.

That the House is charged only its responsibility to the people and to preserve its own dignity will be asserted with great force, and if the report is adopted the House will insist on its own capacity to understand the import of the President's language. It will be asserted that the language in question was unjustified and without basis of fact and that it constituted a breach of the privileges of the House. For that reason the special committee will be asked to be discharged from further consideration of that portion of the President's message which refers to the secret service and will recommend that it together with the subsequent message of the President in reply to the House demand for an explanation be laid upon the table as being unresponsive and constituting an invasion of the privileges of the House by questioning the motives and intelligence of members.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

Detective Ashburn Fired on Through Window of His Room.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 7.—An unsuccessful attempt was made by an unknown person early today in Durham to assassinate Detective Jas. W. Ashburn, who caused the arrest in December last of Reuben Barbee, a well known resident of that city, on a charge of the murder of Engineer J. A. Holt, who was shot and killed on his cab, a few days before. The detective was in his room and had gotten up before dawn and turned on the light, when a load of shot crashed through the window, fired from the outside. None of the shot took effect. Ashburn says he saw a man leave and pass out of sight around the corner.

The detective has been working on the murder case since the crime was committed.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL SERVICES

Blessing Grave Filled With Hundreds of Bodies at Messina.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Messina, Jan. 7.—A most impressive funeral ceremony was witnessed near here today when Archbishop Barrigo made his way through the ruins of the city to the cemetery at Mare Grosso and blessed a grave 100 feet wide and 30 feet deep, containing 1,300 bodies. The dead were piled one on top of the other and the bodies covered with quicklime.

Subsequently the Archbishop walked through the ruins and blessed the military hospital, the military college, the barracks and the Archbishop's house, considering these wrecked edifices as so many cemeteries. Under them were the corpses of soldiers, students, policement and monks.

All the valuables found among the ruins are being taken on board the steamer Genoa in the bay. Yesterday currency to the amount of $3,600,000 including the contents of the safe of the Sicilian-American Bank, was transferred to this vessel. A banker named Mauromati, who was one of the richest residents, lost everything. Yesterday he went to the authorities barefooted and half clad and asked for a pair of shoes and an overcoat.

With the exception of Sant Andrea Avellino, all the churches in Messina have been destroyed.

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NIGHT RIDERS ARE CONVICTED

Alleged Murderer Capt Quinten Rankin Guilty in Varying Degrees.

JURY AGREED QUICKLY

Six Found Guilty in First Degree and Two in Second Degree—Sentences Will be Pronounced Saturday. Took Verdict Calmly.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 7.—With a verdict of guilty in varying degrees, the jury in the night rider trials reported at 8:45 o'clock tonight. The twelve men found Garrett Johnson, Tid Burton, Boy Ransom, Fred Pinion, Arthur Cloar and Sam Applewhite guilty of murder in the first degree with mitigating circumstances, and Bud Morris and Bob Huffman, the other defendants, guilty of murder in the second degree and fixed their punishment at twenty years in the penitentiary.

The punishment of the six first-named defendants was left to the court, and may be death or life imprisonment.

The defense filed a motion for a new trial which was set for hearing Saturday and will be overruled as indicated by the court when sentence will be pronounced.

The jury had been out since 2 P. M., but because of the illness of Juror Rosson, had not been able to consult until 6 P. M. There was a difference of opinion among the jurors as to the degree of guilt of the defendants, but an agreement was reached quickly.

Court was convened at 8 P. M. and the jury sent word that it would be able to report shortly. The room was crowded, as it was during the argument. The minutes passed and at 8:45 o'clock the bailiff called for the county physician. Juror Rosson was in a state of collapse and needed attention. It was half an hour before Rosson was revived, the jury filed in and six deputies were summoned to carry in the bed upon which the sick juror reclined. The foreman announced the verdict, the defense called for a poll which was made and the judge dismissed the jurors. Rosson's condition is such that it was deemed inadvisable to move him tonight.

The defense demanded until Monday to move for a new trial but the State opposed it and the court fixed Saturday as the day, intimating that the motion was a mere form anyway, which would be overruled.

The defendants took the verdict with calmness as they had been expecting it since the closing of the arguments. Attorney Pierce turned to them when it was announced and said:

"We will tear this case to pieces in the Supreme Court."

The State expected a verdict of first degree murder in all eight cases and was visibly disappointed. Bob Huffman, one of the men to escape with 20 years, is the man who, according to the confession of Frank Fehringer, fired the shot which killed Captain Ranken as he was being drawn up by the rope.

When the jury's readiness to report was announced the military quietly surrounded the court house and a detail of soldiers with revolver holsters open was deployed around the walls of the court room, but aside from a whispered buzz of conversation there was no demonstration.

The prisoners were quickly handcuffed and under military escort taken to prison.

The verdict is considered a compromise one and no trouble is feared by the authorities.

AFFLICTED WITH LEPROSY.

Mrs. Kirke, South America Missionary Isolated in Aiken.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Mary V. K. Kirke, aged sixty, a former missionary to South America and for fourteen years a resident of Aiken, S. C., is isolated in a house at that place, a victim of anaesthic leprosy. For three years Mrs. Kirke has been blind. For a long time she has lived alone with a woman companion who now faithfully remains in the guarded house in the capacity of a nurse.

For several years she has made her appearance on the streets, but recently neighbors began to make more searching inquiries which culminated a few days ago in a report of the matter to State board of health. The Aiken authorities placed armed guards around the house. Nothing is known here of Mrs. Kirke or where she formerly lived except her announcement that she came from New York.

MINISTER MAY BE FUGITIVE

Rev. Carmichael Believed to be Alive. The Victim.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

St. Clair, Mich., Jan. 7.—Rev. J. H. Carmichael, the Methodist minister of Adair, Mich., who last night was thought to be the victim whose dismembered and burned body was found in the stove of his church near Columbus, Mich., is tonight thought to be alive. The authorities of St. Clair country, looking upon the minister as a fugitive instead of a murder's victim, have sent descriptions of him to the police of a number of Canadian cites in the hope that a stranger who crossed the St. Clair river today from St. Clair, Mich., to Courtright, Ont., may prove to be the missing clergyman. Indications tonight point to Gideon Browning, of Adair, as the victim who lost his life in the desperate hand to hand battle that violated the rural sanctuary.

SECRET SERVICE AFTER TILLMAN

The South Carolina Senator Shadowed by Government Detectives.

BY ORDER OF ROOSEVELT

They Hound Him on Theory of Connection With a Land Grab—Matter Just Come to Light—He to Speak on Subject Monday.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—By direction of President Roosevelt secret service men shadowed Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, on the theory that he possibly was interested in an Oregon "land grab" and the result of that investigation is now before the Senate.

The information was contained in a communication from President Roosevelt sent in response to a request made by Senator Hale to the heads of the Executive Departments for a statement of the activities of secret service operative. Exhaustive replies were made by the various departments and all of these were forwarded to Senator Hale by the President. They have not been made public and Senator Hale announced that they would not be given out until after they had been considered by a subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations which will be charged with the duty of acting upon that portion of the President's annual message relating to the secret service and criticising members of Congress for their restriction of its use.

Soon after President Roosevelt's communication to Senator Hale was received at the Capitol yesterday it became noised about that it contained a reflection upon a Senator from a Southern State. The name of the Senator in question was not divulged for a time and as a result the atmosphere of the Senate was surcharged with curiosity and much speculation. When it finally became known that Senator Tillman was the member named, further efforts to procure information concerning the character of the charges were made, but they were without avail.

Through the fact that several Senators had advance information of the character of the report which was to sent to the Senate, it was learned that the investigation of Senator Tillman followed an attack which he made in the Senate nearly a year ago upon an Oregon land company which had used his name as one of the persons interested in the concern.

Previous to that attack Senator Tillman had introduced a resolution directing the Attorney General to prosecute suits against an Oregon railroad corporation which had received land grants in the late sixties for a line from a California point to Portland, Ore. Mr. Tillman had said that the use of his name was without authority and as a result it is declared that several persons interested in the land grants became angered. Some of the interested parties are reported to have sent to President Roosevelt copies of letters alleged to have been written by Senator Tillman indicating that he had an interest either in one of the land companies, or would be benefitted through the land companies obtaining possession of the grants in question. After receiving this information it is said President Roosevelt directed a secret service operative to investigate the part Senator Tillman was alleged to have in the land cases.

The report sent to the Senate is understood to contain an account of the investigation made of Senator Tillman. It is known that the secret service prepared photographic copies of Senator Tillman's correspondence but whether these exhibits were sent to Senator Hale is not known.

Senator Tillman was not aware of the fact that his name figured in the reports until late in the day. He then took pains to assure himself that the reports concerning the mention of himself were well founded, but he refused to comment upon the fact further than to say that he would not make any statement until the fact of the use of his name had been officially promulgated, when he would address himself to the subject from his seat in the Senate. It is known, however, that Mr. Tillman regards the mention of his name as an attack upon himself by the President, and he has indicated to friends that he will not mince matters in his reply. He also had declared to those with whom he conversed that he would welcome the opportunity to express his views and explain the situation. It is probable Mr. Tillman will be heard on Monday next.

On February 19, 1908, Senator Tillman rose in the Senate to a question of personal privilege and said that his attention had been called to a scheme of swindling in which his name had been used rather unpleasantly and without the slightest warrant. The Senator held in his hand a circular headed, "How to Make $5,000 out of $200." This circular called attention to certain land grants in Oregon and to the activity of Senator Tillman in having the Senate investigate them. It stated that "Senator Tillman takes eleven quarters" and that the lawsuits to be instituted in order to recognize these lands were promised to be pressed with great vigor because Senator Tillman was behind them. Commenting upon this situation Senator Tillman at that time said:

"As a matter of fact, I have not bought any lands anywhere in the West nor undertaken to buy any. I have made some inquiries, as one naturally would in roaming through the West. I simply want the people of the country to be put on notice that this swindler at Portland has no warrant whatever for endeavoring to inveigle others into his game."

ROOSEVELT CRITICISED

In Senate for Action in Tennessee Coal Company Matter—For Increase of President's Salary. Field Day in House.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—Characterizing the action of the President in directing the Attorney General not to prosecute the United States Steel Corporation for its absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company as another arbitrary and lawless act of the Chief Magistrate, Senator Culberson, of Texas, introduced a resolution in the Senate today instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to report at as early a day as practicable whether in the opinion of that committee the President was authorized to permit such absorption.

Mr. Culberson at considerable length criticised the President and insisted that Congress had the right to give directions to a head of an Executive Department under certain conditions.

Senator Hopkins declared that the Texas Senator was not properly representing the President and said that Mr. Roosevelt had not approved the action of the Steel Corporation, but that he had merely "not felt it his duty to oppose such action."

Senator Foraker gave notice that he would speak on the Brownsville affair next Monday when, he said, he would ask to make his bill for the relief of the soldiers of the 25th regiment the unfinished business of the Senate.

An amendment was today reported to the Senate from the Committee on Finance providing for an increase of the salary of the President to $100,000 and of the salaries of the Vice President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to $20,000 each.

The Senate adjourned at 1:22 P. M.

House of Representatives.

Although technically under consideration in the House of Representatives today the District of Columbia Appropriation bill was side-tracked while the members indulged in general debate. This took a wide range, the proceedings opening with a defense of the rules of the House by Mr. Olmstead, of Pennsylvania. His remarks stirred up the subject in all its phases and gave the so-called insurgents under the leadership of Mr. Gardner, of Massachusetts, an opportunity to air their grienvances. Mr. Cockran, of New York, occupied middle ground on the proposition.

Mr. Taft's reported intention to break the Solid South was incidentally brought into discussion in the course of a speech on the tariff by Mr. Sheppard, of Texas, who remarked in that connection that the President-elect had made himself ridiculous.

The only other speaker was Mr. Russell, of Missouri, who made a strong plea for river and harbor improvements.

At 5:15 the House adjourned.

STANDARD'S CLEVER SCHEME.

Started Independent Companies to Get Suburban Trade.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 7.—Stating that the Standard Oil Company had an employe whose duty it was to start supposedly independent oil companies in small towns in seeming opposition to itself, L. H. Fasenfeld, general manager of the Red C. Oil Company, of Baltimore, today continued the testimony he began yesterday in the government suit for the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company. He said the Eagle Oil Company was such a concern and its cuts as a rule were met by his company in order to hold its trade.

The price of oil in the suburbs of Baltimore being higher in 1904 than they were in the city and the Red C. Company being anxious to extend its tank wagon service, the witness went on to testify, efforts were made by his company to cover the suburban territory more fully than formerly, but Standard wagons followed those of the Red C. Company in all instances, and offered the oil at lower prices. Thus prices in the suburbs were brought to the city level.

By the explosion yesterday of a carbonic acid gas making machine in the plant of the Beaufort Lithia Water Company in Richmond, Va., Lee Cheatham, of Manchester, was killed, T. J. Knight was blinded by sulphuric acid and Robert Russell, a negro, was badly burned. No reason can be given for the explosion.

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